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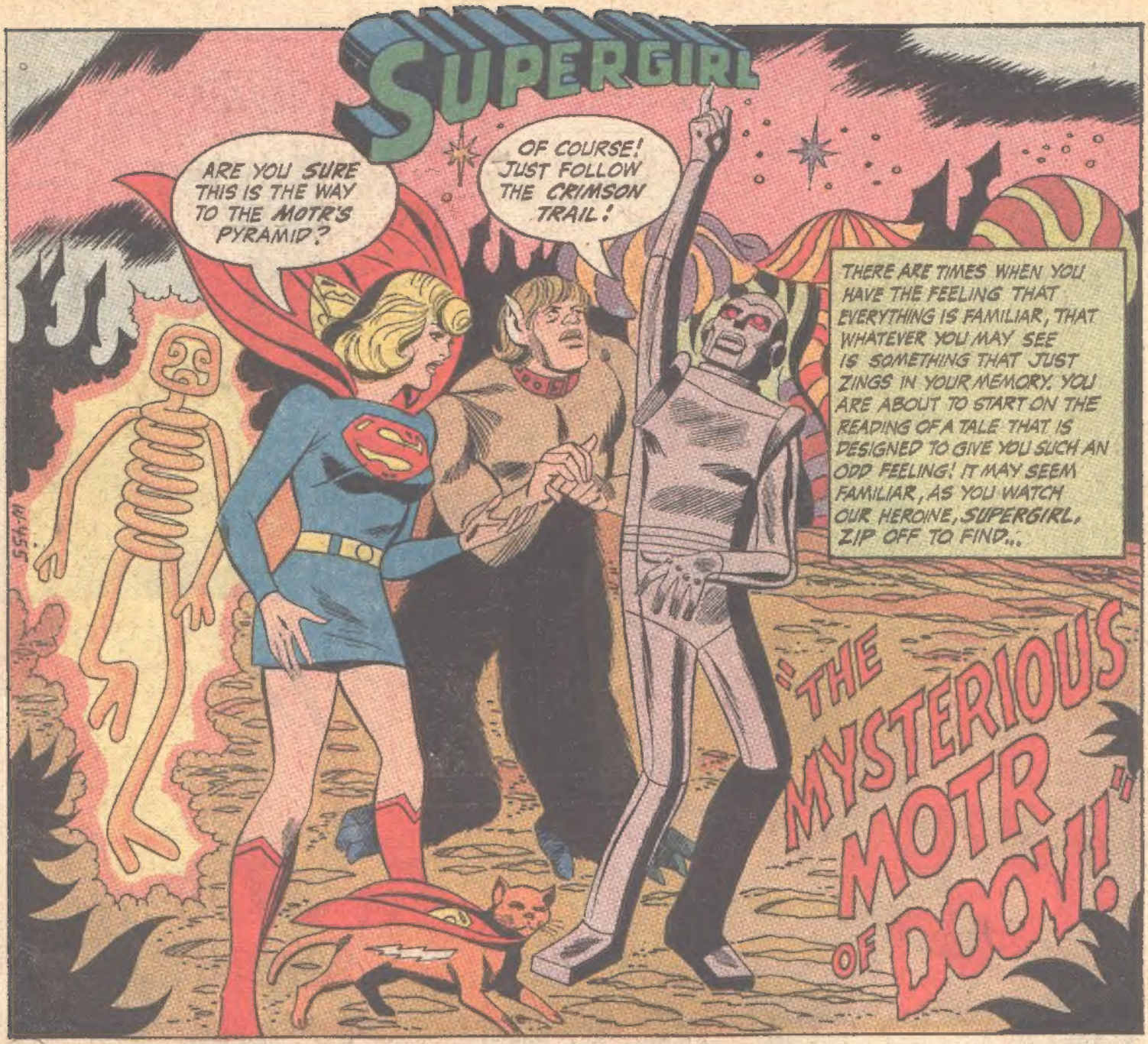
SUPERGIRL
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE WAY TO THE MOTR'S PYRAMID?
OF COURSE! JUST FOLLOW THE CRIMSON TRAIL!
THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE THE FEELING THAT EVERYTHING IS FAMILIAR, THAT WHATEVER YOU MAY SEE IS SOMETHING THAT JUST ZINGS IN YOUR MEMORY. YOU ARE ABOUT TO START ON THE READING OF A TALE THAT IS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU SUCH AN ODD FEELING! IT MAY SEEM FAMILIAR, AS YOU WATCH OUR HEROINE, SUPERGIRL, ZIP OFF TO FIND...
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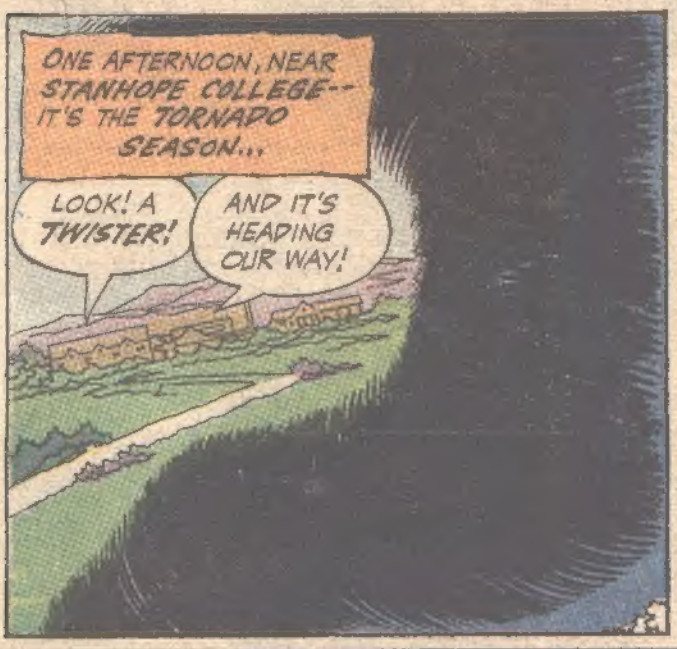

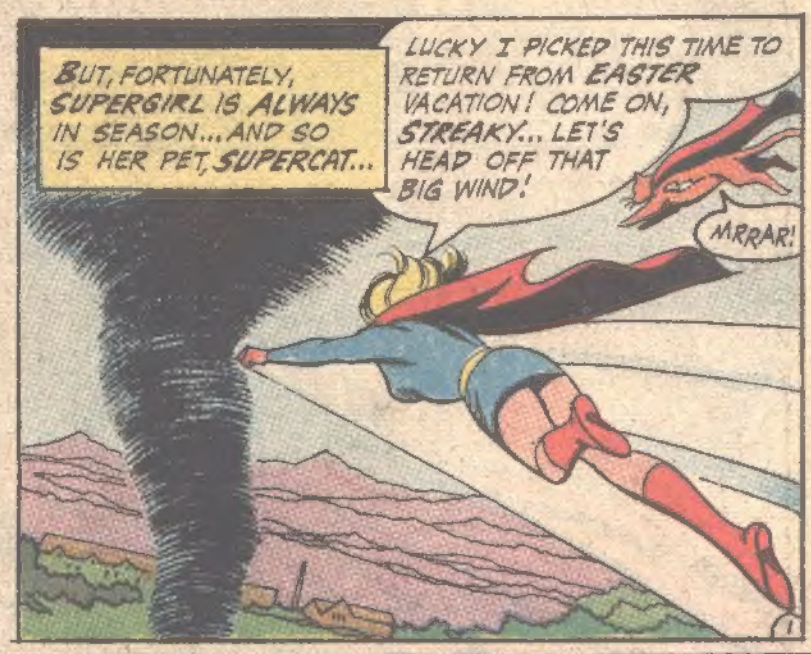
BUT, FORTUNATELY, SUPERGIRL IS ALWAYS IN SEASON... AND SO IS HER PET, SUPERCAT...
LUCKY I PICKED THIS TIME TO RETURN FROM EASTER VACATION! COME ON, STREAKY... LET'S HEAD OFF THAT BIG WIND!
MRRAR!

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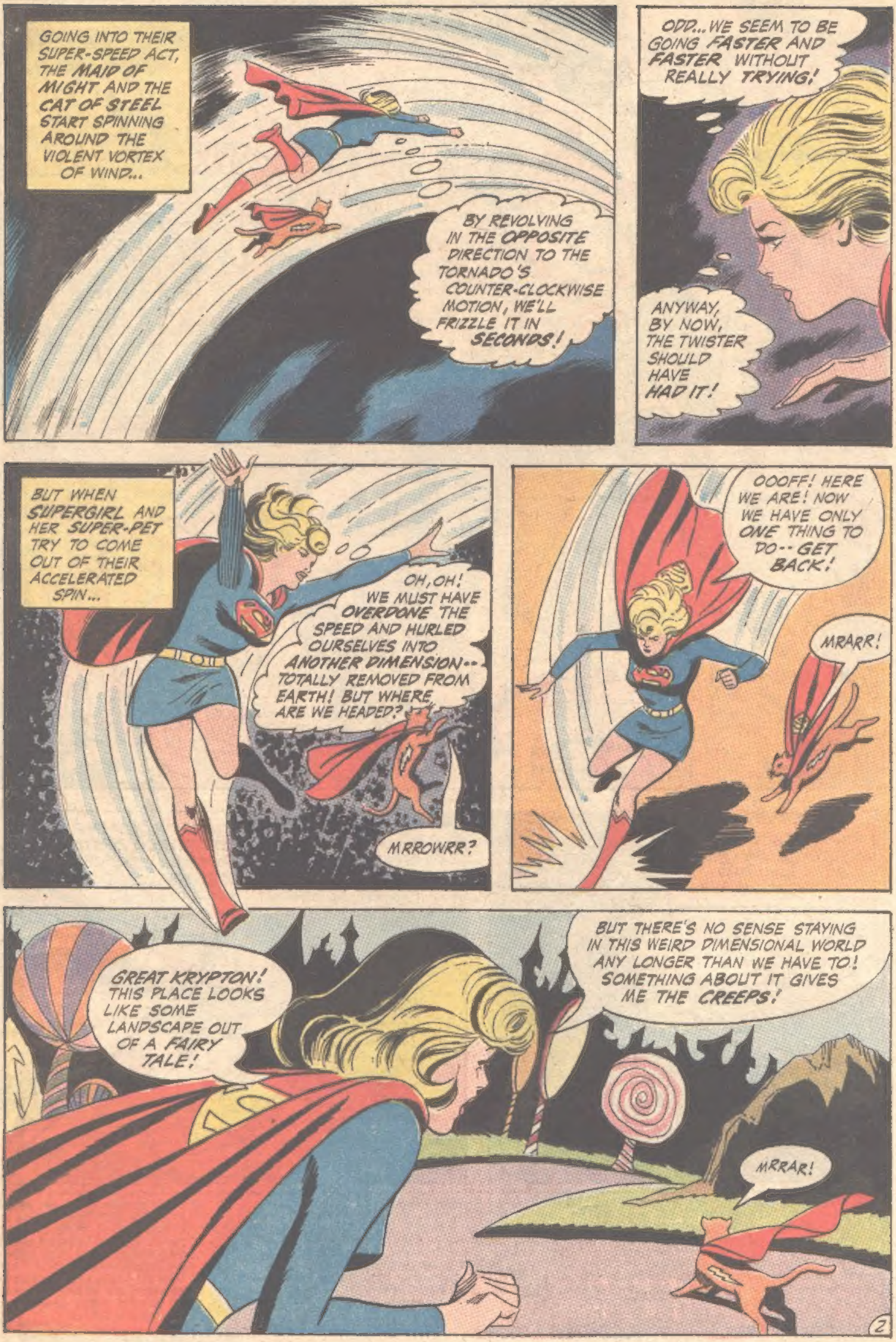
GOING INTO THEIR SUPER-SPEED ACT, THE MAID OF MIGHT AND THE CAT OF STEEL START SPINNING AROUND THE VIOLENT VORTEX OF WIND...
BY REVOLVING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION TO THE TORNADO'S COUNTER-CLOCKWISE MOTION, WE'LL FRIZZLE IT IN SECONDS!
ODD... WE SEEM TO BE GOING FASTER AND FASTER WITHOUT REALLY TRYING!
ANYWAY, BY NOW, THE TWISTER SHOULD HAVE HAD IT!
BUT WHEN SUPERGIRL AND HER SUPER-PET TRY TO COME OUT OF THEIR ACCELERATED SPIN...
OH, OH! WE MUST HAVE OVERDONE THE SPEED AND HURLED OURSELVES INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION-- TOTALLY REMOVED FROM EARTH! BUT WHERE ARE WE HEADED?
MRROWRR?
OOOFF! HERE WE ARE! NOW WE HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO DO-- GET BACK!
MRARR!
GREAT KRYPTON! THIS PLACE LOOKS LIKE SOME LANDSCAPE OUT OF A FAIRY TALE!
BUT THERE'S NO SENSE STAYING IN THIS WEIRD DIMENSIONAL WORLD ANY LONGER THAN WE HAVE TO! SOMETHING ABOUT IT GIVES ME THE CREEPS!
MRRAR!
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HOWEVER, SUPERGIRL AND STREAKY CAN ONLY ATTEMPT A TAKE-OFF...
I CAN'T FLY! I THOUGHT I FELT A SICKENING TWINGE COME OVER MY BODY A FEW SECONDS AGO!
IT MEANS WE HAVE NO SUPER-POWERS IN THIS DIMENSION!
MRREEARR!

WHAT A FIX! HOW CAN WE EVER RETURN TO EARTH NOW? OUR POWERS GOT US INTO THIS MESS--AND ONLY THEY COULD EVER GET US OUT!
HELP... WHOEVER YOU ARE...
MEOWR?

A CALL FOR HELP-- FROM THAT POOR ROBOT, HELPLESSLY TRAPPED BY A GIANT CANDY-STRIPED PLANT! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES IN TROUBLE ON THIS WORLD!

INSTINCTIVELY, THE MAID OF MIGHT RUSHES IN TO AID THE ROBOT, BUT...
OOPS! I FORGOT--I'M NOT MY OLD SUPER-SELF ANYMORE! I MIGHT AS WELL BE THROWING PING-PONG BALLS AT THIS THING!

YOUNG LADY-- CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING TO RESCUE ME?
I DON'T KNOW YET! BUT I WON'T GIVE UP!
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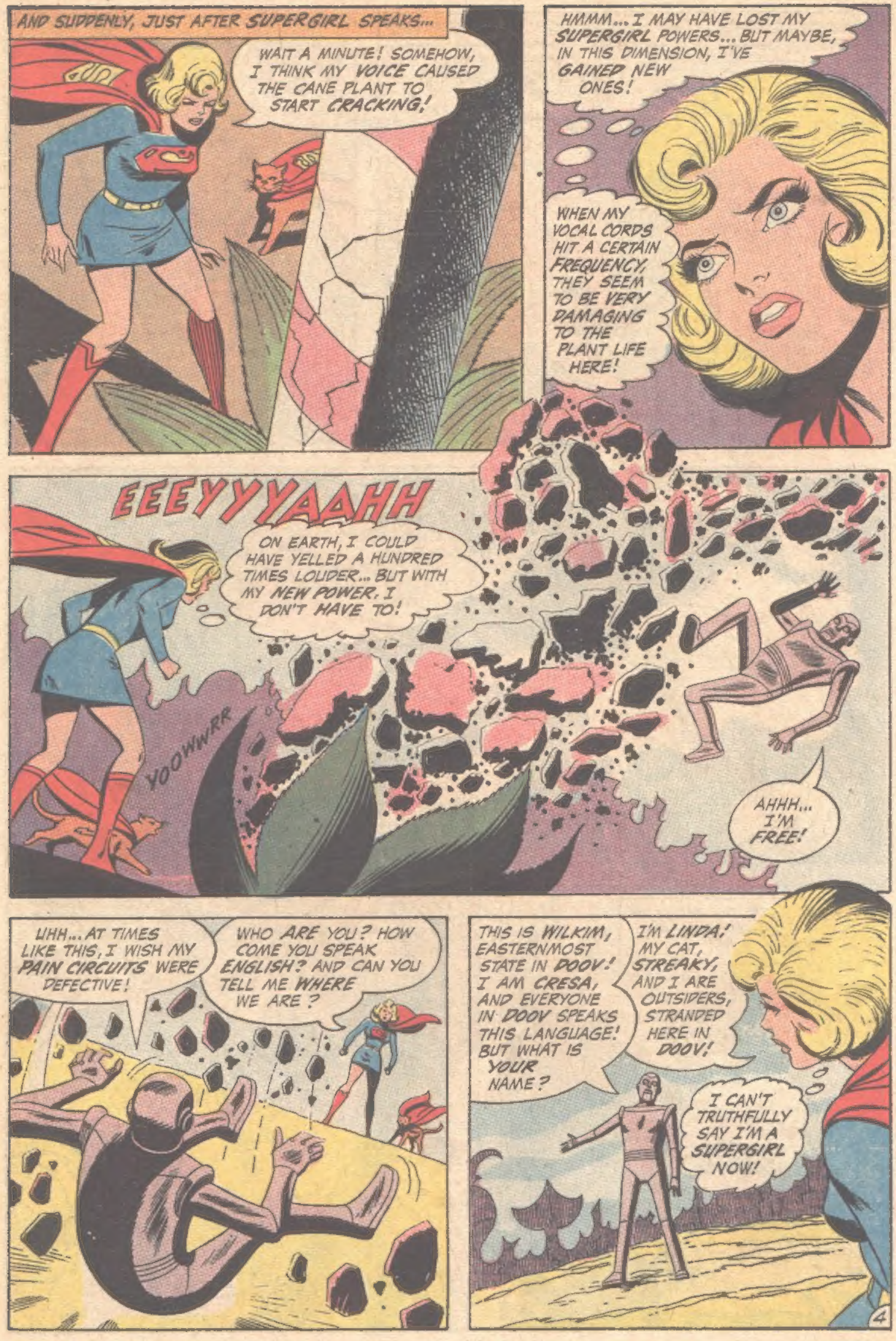
AND SUDDENLY, JUST AFTER SUPERGIRL SPEAKS...
WAIT A MINUTE! SOMEHOW, I THINK MY VOICE CAUSED THE CANE PLANT TO START CRACKING!
HMMM... I MAY HAVE LOST MY SUPERGIRL POWERS... BUT MAYBE, IN THIS DIMENSION, I'VE GAINED NEW ONES!
WHEN MY VOCAL CORDS HIT A CERTAIN FREQUENCY, THEY SEEM TO BE VERY DAMAGING TO THE PLANT LIFE HERE!
EEEYYYAAHH
ON EARTH, I COULD HAVE YELLED A HUNDRED TIMES LOUDER... BUT WITH MY NEW POWER, I DON'T HAVE TO!
YOOWWRR
AHHH... I'M FREE!
UHH... AT TIMES LIKE THIS, I WISH MY PAIN CIRCUITS WERE DEFECTIVE!
WHO ARE YOU? HOW COME YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? AND CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE WE ARE?
THIS IS WILKIM, EASTERNMOST STATE IN DOOV! I AM CRESA, AND EVERYONE IN DOOV SPEAKS THIS LANGUAGE! BUT WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
I'M LINDA! MY CAT, STREAKY, AND I ARE OUTSIDERS, STRANDED HERE IN DOOV!
I CAN'T TRUTHFULLY SAY I'M A SUPERGIRL NOW!
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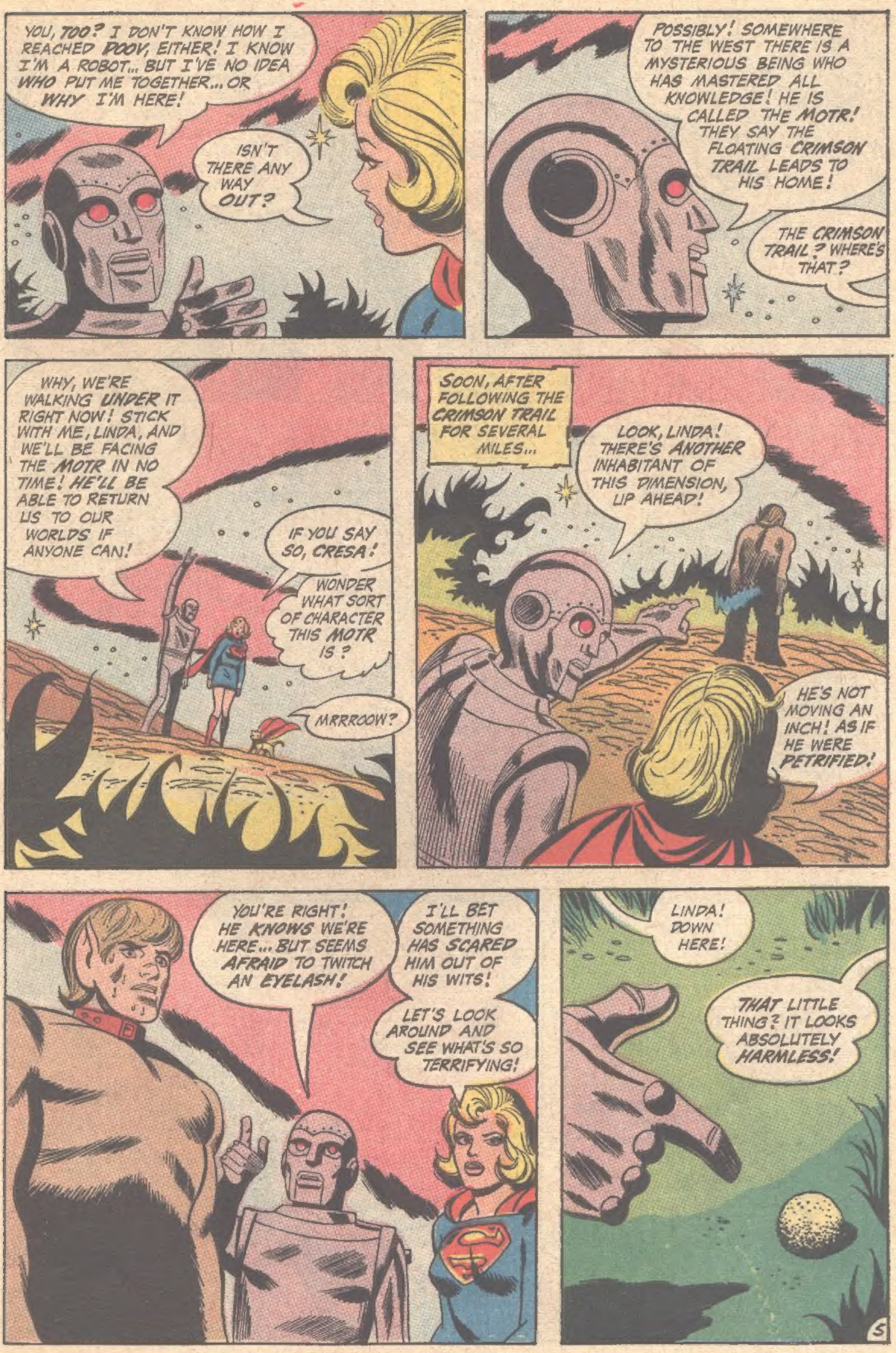
YOU, TOO? I DON'T KNOW HOW I REACHED POOV, EITHER! I KNOW I'M A ROBOT... BUT I'VE NO IDEA WHO PUT ME TOGETHER... OR WHY I'M HERE!
ISN'T THERE ANY WAY OUT?
POSSIBLY! SOMEWHERE TO THE WEST THERE IS A MYSTERIOUS BEING WHO HAS MASTERED ALL KNOWLEDGE! HE IS CALLED THE MOTR! THEY SAY THE FLOATING CRIMSON TRAIL LEADS TO HIS HOME!
THE CRIMSON TRAIL? WHERE'S THAT?
WHY, WE'RE WALKING UNDER IT RIGHT NOW! STICK WITH ME, LINDA, AND WE'LL BE FACING THE MOTR IN NO TIME! HE'LL BE ABLE TO RETURN US TO OUR WORLDS IF ANYONE CAN!
IF YOU SAY SO, CRESA!
WONDER WHAT SORT OF CHARACTER THIS MOTR IS?
MRRROOW?
SOON, AFTER FOLLOWING THE CRIMSON TRAIL FOR SEVERAL MILES...
LOOK, LINDA! THERE'S ANOTHER INHABITANT OF THIS DIMENSION, UP AHEAD!
HE'S NOT MOVING AN INCH! AS IF HE WERE PETRIFIED!
YOU'RE RIGHT! HE KNOWS WE'RE HERE... BUT SEEMS AFRAID TO TWITCH AN EYELASH!
I'LL BET SOMETHING HAS SCARED HIM OUT OF HIS WITS!
LET'S LOOK AROUND AND SEE WHAT'S SO TERRIFYING!
LINDA! DOWN HERE!
THAT LITTLE THING? IT LOOKS ABSOLUTELY HARMLESS!
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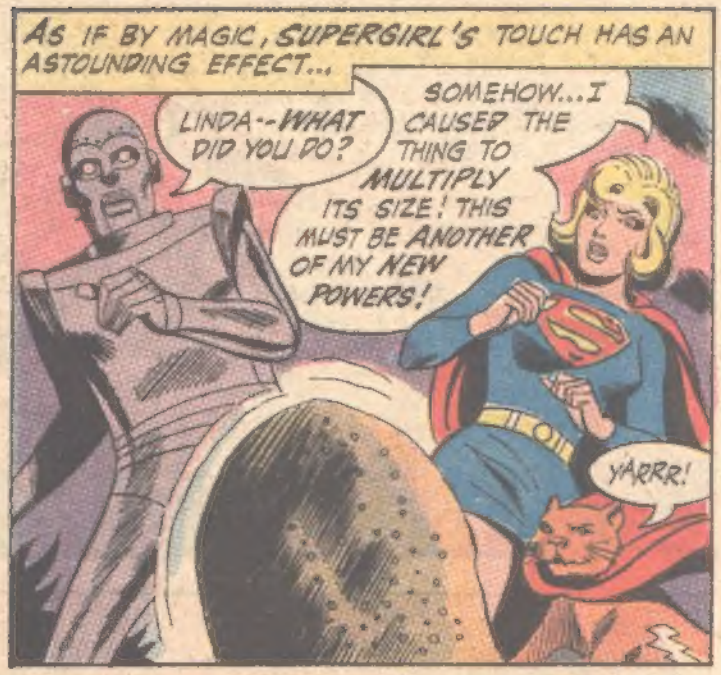
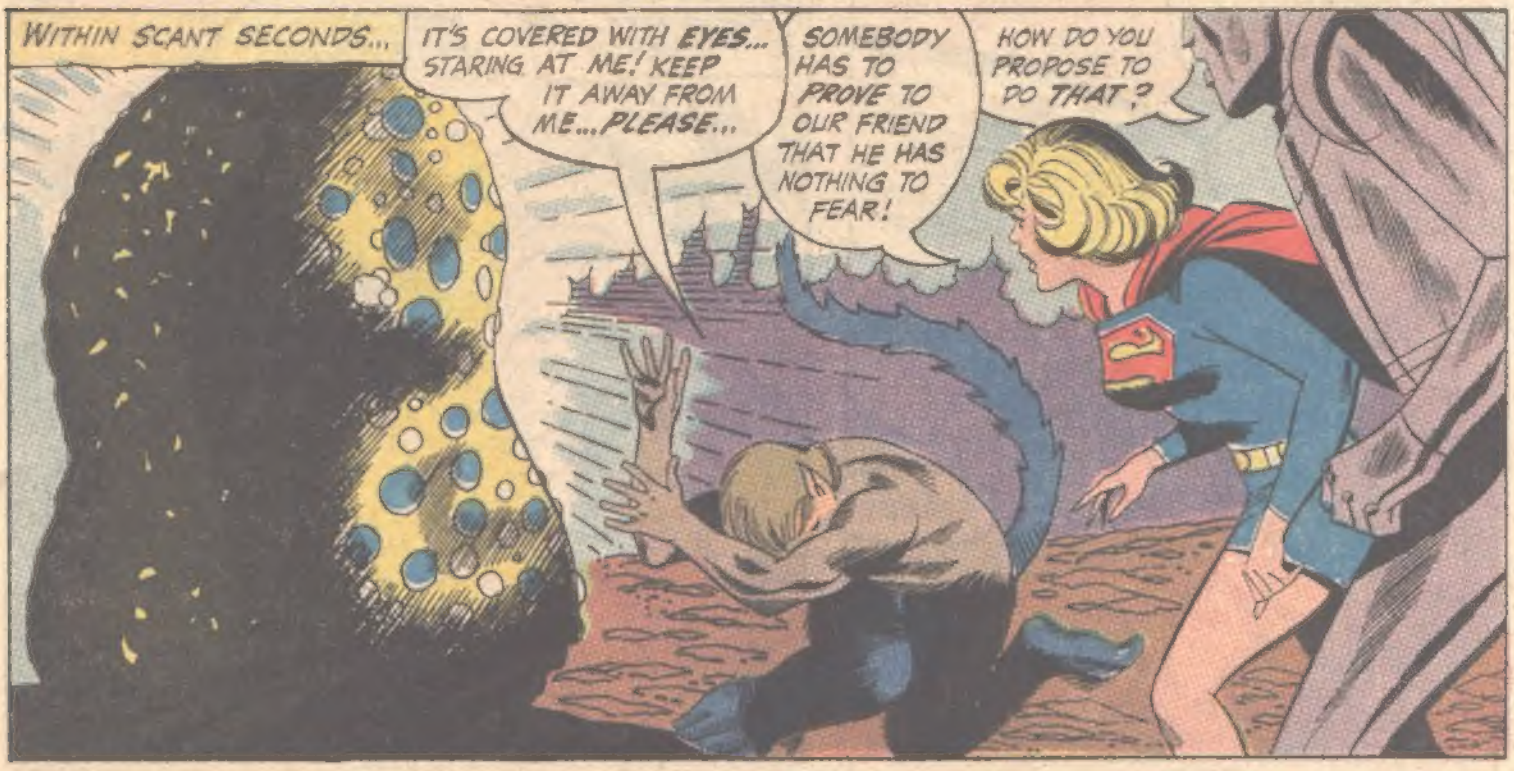
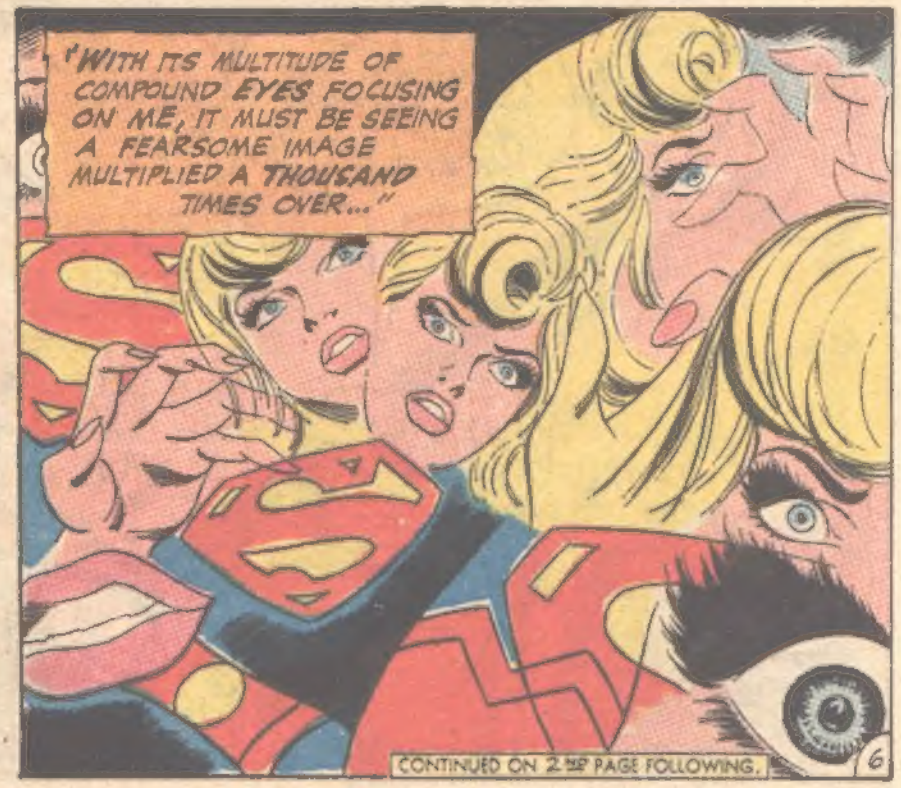
IT IS! MY BUILT-IN SENSA CIRCUITS INDICATE THE TINY CREATURE IS INCAPABLE OF INJURING ANYONE! BUT TRY CONVINCING OUR FRIEND, HERE!
I WONDER IF I SHOULD PICK THIS UP?


AS IF BY MAGIC, SUPERGIRL'S TOUCH HAS AN ASTOUNDING EFFECT...
LINDA--WHAT DID YOU DO?
SOMEHOW...I CAUSED THE THING TO MULTIPLY ITS SIZE! THIS MUST BE ANOTHER OF MY NEW POWERS!
YARRR!


WITHIN SCANT SECONDS...
IT'S COVERED WITH EYES... STARING AT ME! KEEP IT AWAY FROM ME...PLEASE...
SOMEBODY HAS TO PROVE TO OUR FRIEND THAT HE HAS NOTHING TO FEAR!
HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO DO THAT?

WITHOUT HESITATING, THE FORMER GIRL OF STEEL LUNGES TOWARD THE PULSATING MASS...
I DON'T WANT TO HARM THE THING...I THINK THIS IS THE WAY TO GET RID OF IT WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING IT!
I CAN JUST IMAGINE WHAT I MUST LOOK LIKE TO THE CREATURE...


"WITH ITS MULTITUDE OF COMPOUND EYES FOCUSING ON ME, IT MUST BE SEEING A FEARSOME IMAGE MULTIPLIED A THOUSAND TIMES OVER..."
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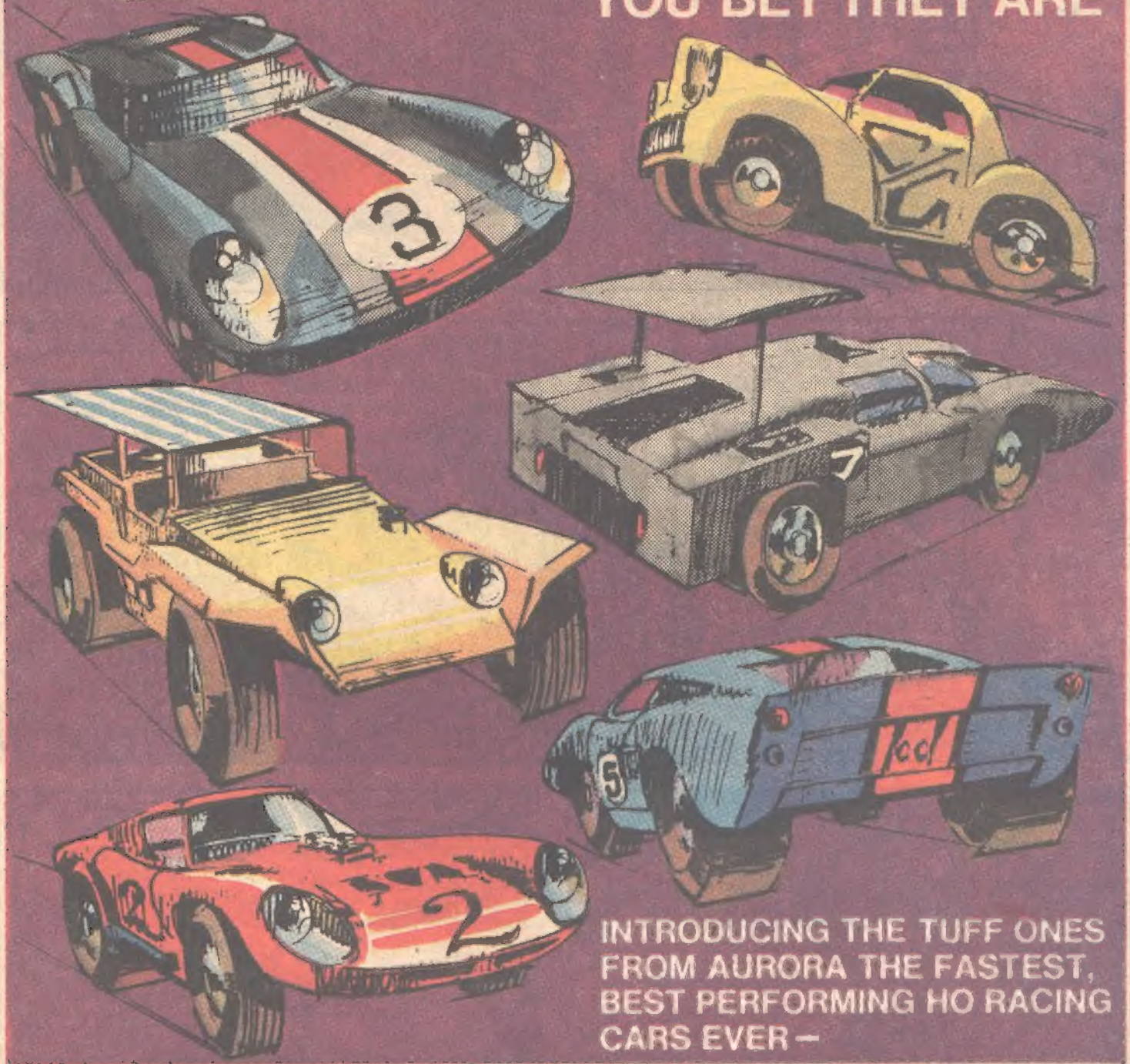
Tuff!

YOU BET THEY ARE



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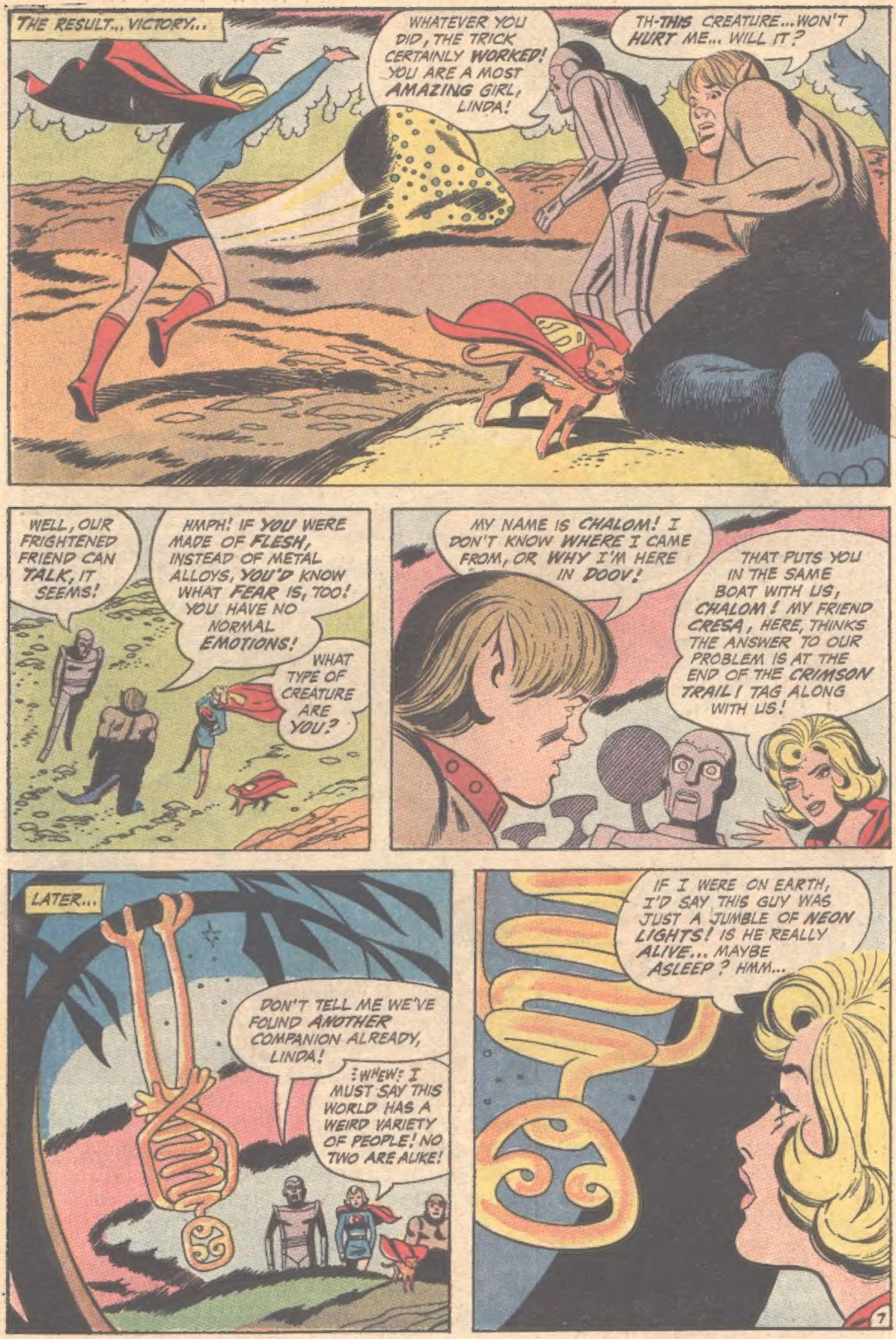
THE RESULT... VICTORY...
WHATEVER YOU DID, THE TRICK CERTAINLY WORKED! YOU ARE A MOST AMAZING GIRL, LINDA!
TH-THIS CREATURE... WON'T HURT ME... WILL IT?
WELL, OUR FRIGHTENED FRIEND CAN TALK, IT SEEMS!
HMPH! IF YOU WERE MADE OF FLESH, INSTEAD OF METAL ALLOYS, YOU'D KNOW WHAT FEAR IS, TOO! YOU HAVE NO NORMAL EMOTIONS!
WHAT TYPE OF CREATURE ARE YOU?
MY NAME IS CHALOM! I DON'T KNOW WHERE I CAME FROM, OR WHY I'M HERE IN DOOV!
THAT PUTS YOU IN THE SAME BOAT WITH US, CHALOM! MY FRIEND CRESA, HERE, THINKS THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEM IS AT THE END OF THE CRIMSON TRAIL! TAG ALONG WITH US!
LATER...
DON'T TELL ME WE'VE FOUND ANOTHER COMPANION ALREADY, LINDA!
WHEW! I MUST SAY THIS WORLD HAS A WEIRD VARIETY OF PEOPLE! NO TWO ARE ALIKE!
IF I WERE ON EARTH, I'D SAY THIS GUY WAS JUST A JUMBLE OF NEON LIGHTS! IS HE REALLY ALIVE... MAYBE ASLEEP? HMM...
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THE NEXT INSTANT, SUPERGIRL FINDS HERSELF WIELDING YET ANOTHER FANTASTIC POWER...
I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M DOING THIS...BUT AFTER EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S HAPPENED, I'M NOT SURPRISED! ANYWAY, I'M CHARGING THIS CHARACTER'S BODY WITH ELECTRICITY!
AHHH! IT FEELS GREAT TO BE ACTIVE AGAIN! I, POXAR, AM DEEPLY INDEBTED TO YOU FOR REVIVING ME!
YOU'RE WELCOME, POXAR! I'LL BET YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT TO DOOV...OR WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE!
FFTTT!
WHY, THAT'S TRUE! BUT HOW...?
BECAUSE THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO US! FOLLOW ALONG AND MAYBE WE CAN GET OUT OF THIS MESS TOGETHER!
AND SO SUPERGIRL AND HER BIZARRE COMPANIONS PRESS ON, NEVER SUSPECTING THAT SOMETHING SINISTER IS WATCHING EVERY STEP THEY TAKE...
FINALLY, THE CRIMSON TRAIL COMES TO AN END AND THE FRIENDS BEHOLD A FANTASTIC SIGHT...
THERE IT IS, LINDA--THE LEGENDARY SKY-PYRAMID OF THE MOTR! HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SORCERER...WITH POWERS THAT WOULD STAGGER OUR IMAGINATIONS!
IF HE LIVES IN A SET-UP LIKE THAT, I CAN BELIEVE IT!
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LOOK! IT SEEMS THE MOTR ALREADY KNOWS HE HAS VISITORS! HE'S SENT THIS TO CARRY US UP TO HIM!
M-MAYBE WE SHOULD COME BACK ANOTHER TIME!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TURNING CHICKEN AGAIN CHALOM!
YOU ARE NOW ENTERING MY CHAMBER OF HONOR! FROM NOW ON, YOU WILL DO ONLY AS INSTRUCTED!
M'RRRARR?
THAT MUST BE THE VOICE OF THE MOTR HIMSELF! IT SOUNDS THREATENING!
AND DEEP WITHIN THE EMERALD PYRAMID, THE FRIENDS FACE THE UNEARTHLY SORCERER, A FANTASTIC BALL OF LIVING ENERGY...
MOTR, SIR, MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE ALL BEEN STRANDED HERE IN DOOV. AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW...
SILENCE! I CAN TELL YOU ALL, SINCE I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING YOU HERE TO MY WORLD!
THREE OF YOU I BROUGHT TO DOOV FROM OTHER WORLDS--BY PROJECTING AN INTER-DIMENSIONAL TORNADO AROUND EACH OF YOU! BUT THE FOURTH IS MERELY A CREATION OF MINE--PROGRAMED TO SHOW THE WAY TO THE CRIMSON TRAIL!
NOW I REMEMBER-- I'M FROM THE JUNGLE PLANET, ZAROB! AND IT WAS A TORNADO THAT WHISKED ME HERE!
I WAS ON MY WORLD, TONRI, WHEN A FUNNEL CLOUD CAUGHT ME! BUT MY MIND IS BACK NOW!
:ULP!:...THEN THE MOTR BUILT ME! I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF ANOTHER WORLD!
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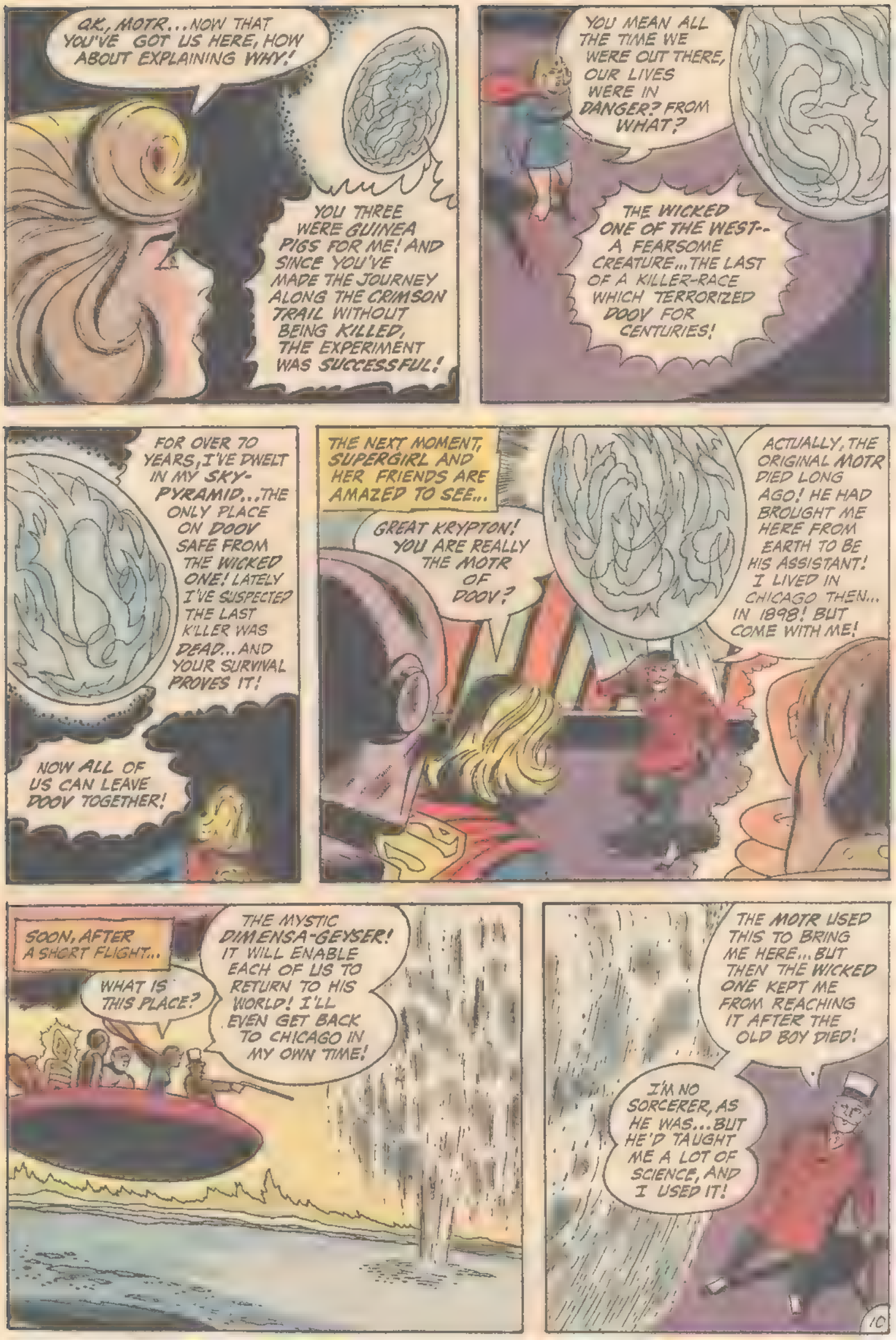
O.K., MOTR... NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT US HERE, HOW ABOUT EXPLAINING WHY!
YOU THREE WERE GUINEA PIGS FOR ME! AND SINCE YOU'VE MADE THE JOURNEY ALONG THE CRIMSON TRAIL WITHOUT BEING KILLED, THE EXPERIMENT WAS SUCCESSFUL!
YOU MEAN ALL THE TIME WE WERE OUT THERE, OUR LIVES WERE IN DANGER? FROM WHAT?
THE WICKED ONE OF THE WEST-- A FEARSOME CREATURE... THE LAST OF A KILLER-RACE WHICH TERRORIZED DOOV FOR CENTURIES!
FOR OVER 70 YEARS, I'VE DWELT IN MY SKY-PYRAMID... THE ONLY PLACE ON DOOV SAFE FROM THE WICKED ONE! LATELY I'VE SUSPECTED THE LAST K'LLER WAS DEAD... AND YOUR SURVIVAL PROVES IT!
NOW ALL OF US CAN LEAVE DOOV TOGETHER!
THE NEXT MOMENT, SUPERGIRL AND HER FRIENDS ARE AMAZED TO SEE...
GREAT KRYPTON! YOU ARE REALLY THE MOTR OF DOOV?
ACTUALLY, THE ORIGINAL MOTR DIED LONG AGO! HE HAD BROUGHT ME HERE FROM EARTH TO BE HIS ASSISTANT! I LIVED IN CHICAGO THEN... IN 1898! BUT COME WITH ME!
SOON, AFTER A SHORT FLIGHT...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
THE MYSTIC DIMENSA-GEYSER! IT WILL ENABLE EACH OF US TO RETURN TO HIS WORLD! I'LL EVEN GET BACK TO CHICAGO IN MY OWN TIME!
THE MOTR USED THIS TO BRING ME HERE... BUT THEN THE WICKED ONE KEPT ME FROM REACHING IT AFTER THE OLD BOY DIED!
I'M NO SORCERER, AS HE WAS... BUT HE'D TAUGHT ME A LOT OF SCIENCE, AND I USED IT!
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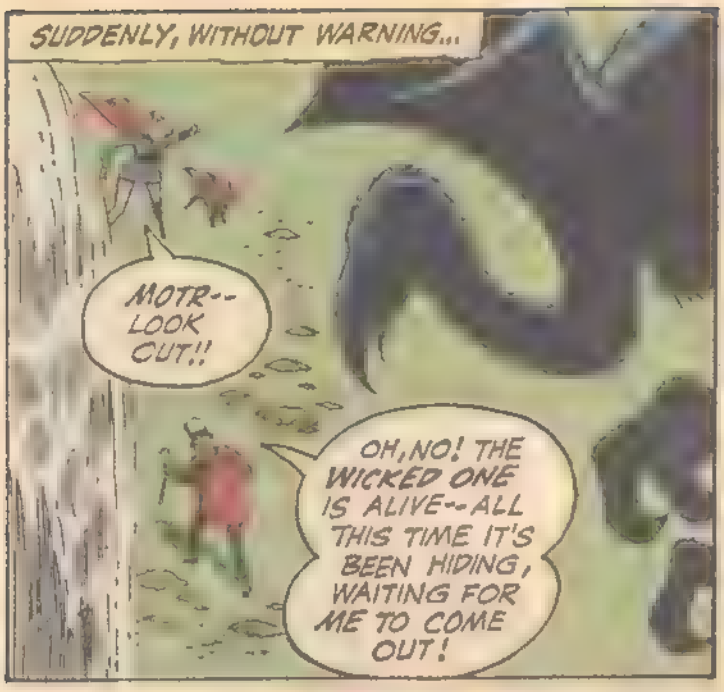
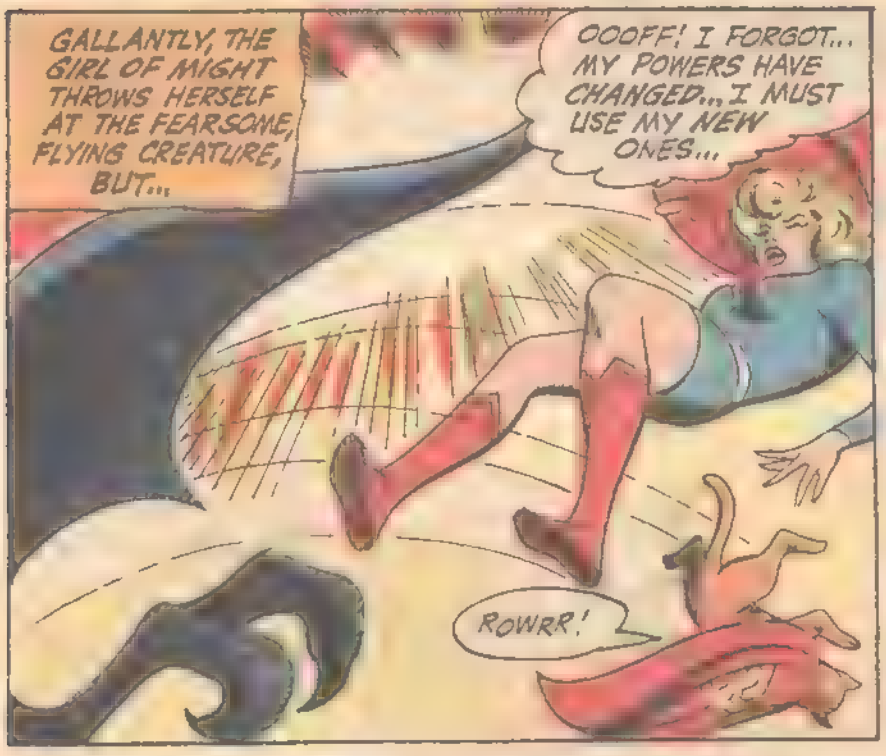
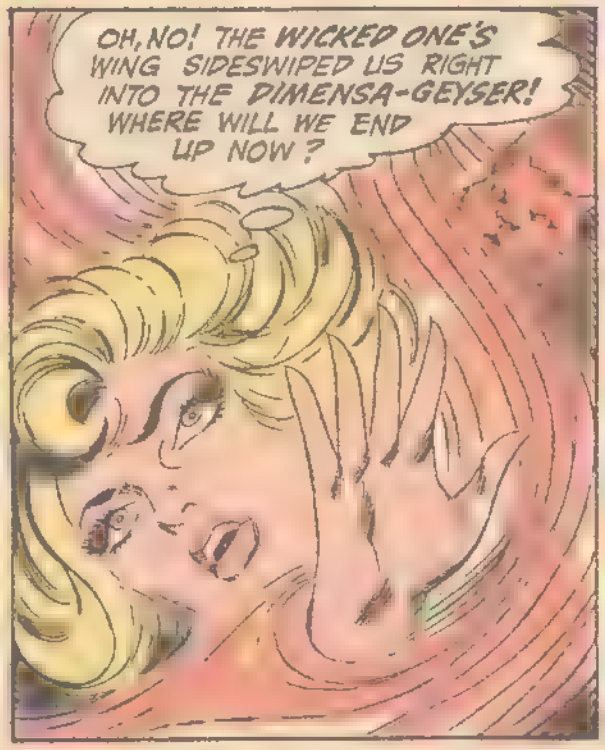
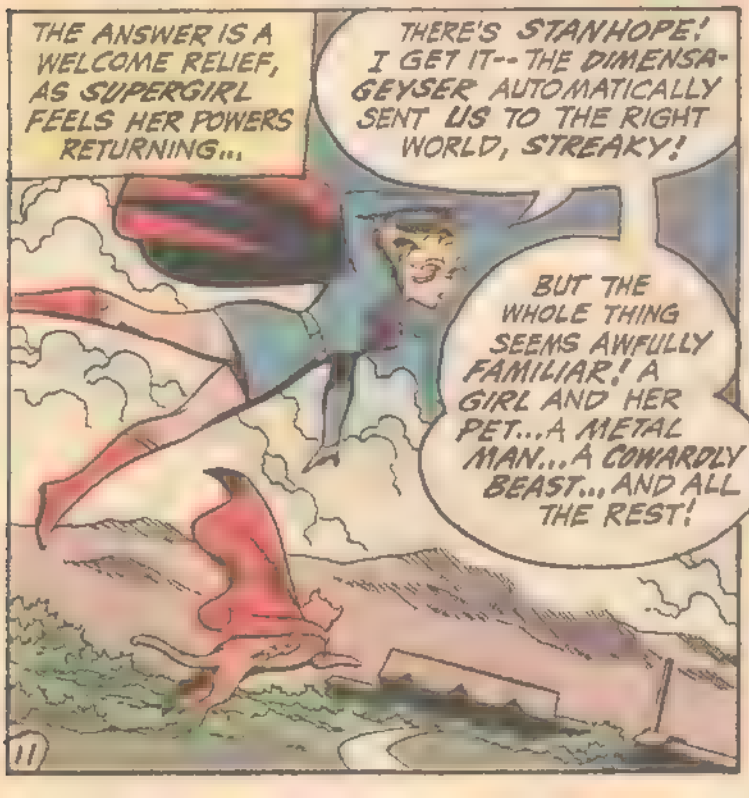

SUDDENLY, WITHOUT WARNING...
MOTR--LOOK OUT!!
OH, NO! THE WICKED ONE IS ALIVE--ALL THIS TIME IT'S BEEN HIDING, WAITING FOR ME TO COME OUT!

QUICK! HEAD FOR THE GEYSER! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
I'LL STOP THAT THING!


GALLANTLY, THE GIRL OF MIGHT THROWS HERSELF AT THE FEARSOME, FLYING CREATURE, BUT...
OOOFF! I FORGOT... MY POWERS HAVE CHANGED... I MUST USE MY NEW ONES...
ROWRR!


OH, NO! THE WICKED ONE'S WING SIDESWIPED US RIGHT INTO THE DIMENSA-GEYSER! WHERE WILL WE END UP NOW?


THE ANSWER IS A WELCOME RELIEF, AS SUPERGIRL FEELS HER POWERS RETURNING...
THERE'S STANHOPE! I GET IT--THE DIMENSA-GEYSER AUTOMATICALLY SENT US TO THE RIGHT WORLD, STREAKY!
BUT THE WHOLE THING SEEMS AWFULLY FAMILIAR! A GIRL AND HER PET...A METAL MAN...A COWARDLY BEAST... AND ALL THE REST!
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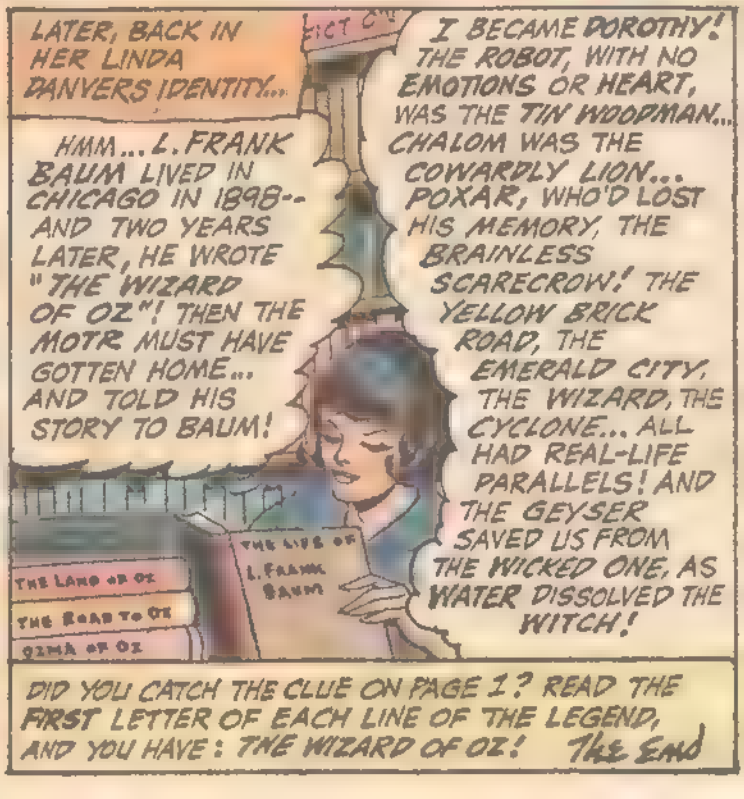
LATER, BACK IN HER LINDA DANVERS IDENTITY...
HMM... L. FRANK BAUM LIVED IN CHICAGO IN 1898--AND TWO YEARS LATER, HE WROTE "THE WIZARD OF OZ"! THEN THE MOTR MUST HAVE GOTTEN HOME... AND TOLD HIS STORY TO BAUM!
I BECAME DOROTHY! THE ROBOT, WITH NO EMOTIONS OR HEART, WAS THE TIN WOODMAN... CHALOM WAS THE COWARDLY LION... POXAR, WHO'D LOST HIS MEMORY, THE BRAINLESS SCARECROW! THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD, THE EMERALD CITY, THE WIZARD, THE CYCLONE... ALL HAD REAL-LIFE PARALLELS! AND THE GEYSER SAVED US FROM THE WICKED ONE, AS WATER DISSOLVED THE WITCH!
THE LAND OF OZ
THE ROAD TO OZ
OZMA OF OZ
THE LIFE OF L. FRANK BAUM
DID YOU CATCH THE CLUE ON PAGE 1? READ THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH LINE OF THE LEGEND, AND YOU HAVE: THE WIZARD OF OZ!
The End

Dear Editor:

I've read a lot about the fact that so many people in the Superman Family have "L.L.'s" in their names—like Lois Lane and Linda Lee Danvers. But something else seems to have passed unnoticed. It seems the women in your mags all have four letters in their names. There's Kara (Supergirl's real name), Lois Lane, Lana Lang, Lucy Lane, Edna Danvers (Supergirl's foster mother), plus lots of others, like Lori, Lara, Lyla, Luma, Lena, Ayla, Nura, Salu, Imra, Ella. And look at the male names—all with five letters—Clark, Jor-El, Kal-El, Zor-El, Jerro, Perry, Jimmy, Ronal, Garth, Querl, Chuck and Bruce. Is this some kind of rule you follow?

—Alan Jennings, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

(No—and it would be apparent if you looked at the many names you conveniently left out. We won't mention them all, but they include Supergirl's mother, Alura; her foster dad, Fred Danvers; Dick Malverne, Jonathan and Martha Kent, and Lex Luthor.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Well, well, what do you know? Supergirl's birthdate, September 22, is the same as mine! What a remarkable coincidence! I am greatly honored. I'm also curious as to why you chose this particular date. Was it a random choice, or does it commemorate some event?

—Pam Kao, Covina, Calif.

(We gave our assistant editor the task of choosing a birthdate for Supergirl. Since he wanted one he could remember, he chose his own birthday!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In ADVENTURE 389, Supergirl falls in love with this guy called Kim. Later, he *saves her life.* Then Sugergirl repays him by sending him to a detention farm. She should have done something better for him.

—Dick Wright, Annapolis, Md.

(Sure, he saved her—because he knew she was the only one who could help him! Besides, he was an escaped convict who had recently bought a lot of expensive clothes with counterfeit money. They don't hand out medals for this.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

ADVENTURE No. 388 was superb! There was one mistake, but I think I can see a solution. When Kimor put his head on the receptor pillow, I noticed components that looked like vacuum tubes. Brainiac should know that transit tubes were replaced by transistors a long time ago. My solution: these components were not vacuum tubes at all, but parts especially made for probing the mind. I hope I've taken you out of a jam!

—John R. Schwartz, Galveston, Tex.

(You did get us out of a jam *when your idea* jelled—*and* preserved *us from further outraged cries from readers.—Ed.)*

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Dear Editor:

In the SUPERGIRL GIANT, when she played Cupid, she used a computer in the Fortress. Is this the same machine that appeared in ADVENTURE 384?

—Jerry Wasserman, Smithtown, N.Y.

(No—that was the 1963 model in the "Cupid" story. The one in ADVENTURE 384 was the new, improved 1970 model. Yes, we know the story appeared in 1969; but the 1970 cars were on the road in '69. Why not computers?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Of all the mistakes you've ever made, the one in ADVENTURE 389 took the cake. In "The Mystery Magician," you show Supergirl saving a Mercury rocket. But later, Linda is looking at some moon rocks. The Mercury shots had ended before the Apollo moon-shots began.

—Paul Bastian, Chicago, Ill.

(Right—it should have been an Apollo going up. It's when you readers get hot under the collar over such goofs that the Mercury goes up.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

"The Mystery Magician" was quite satisfactory. Only one thing...isn't it going a bit too far to have a Father's Day story that comes out a few days before Christmas?

—Richard H. Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(Why not? One of the names for Santa Claus is Father Christmas.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Since Supergirl has been at college so long, I must assume she's earned her bachelor's degree and is going for her master's. That seems rather wasted. After all, Linda Lee Danvers is already an LL.D.

—Randolph Cain, Coral Gables, Fla.

(And what better degree could the Co-Ed Crimefighter have than an LL.D.—meaning Doctor of Laws? —Ed.)

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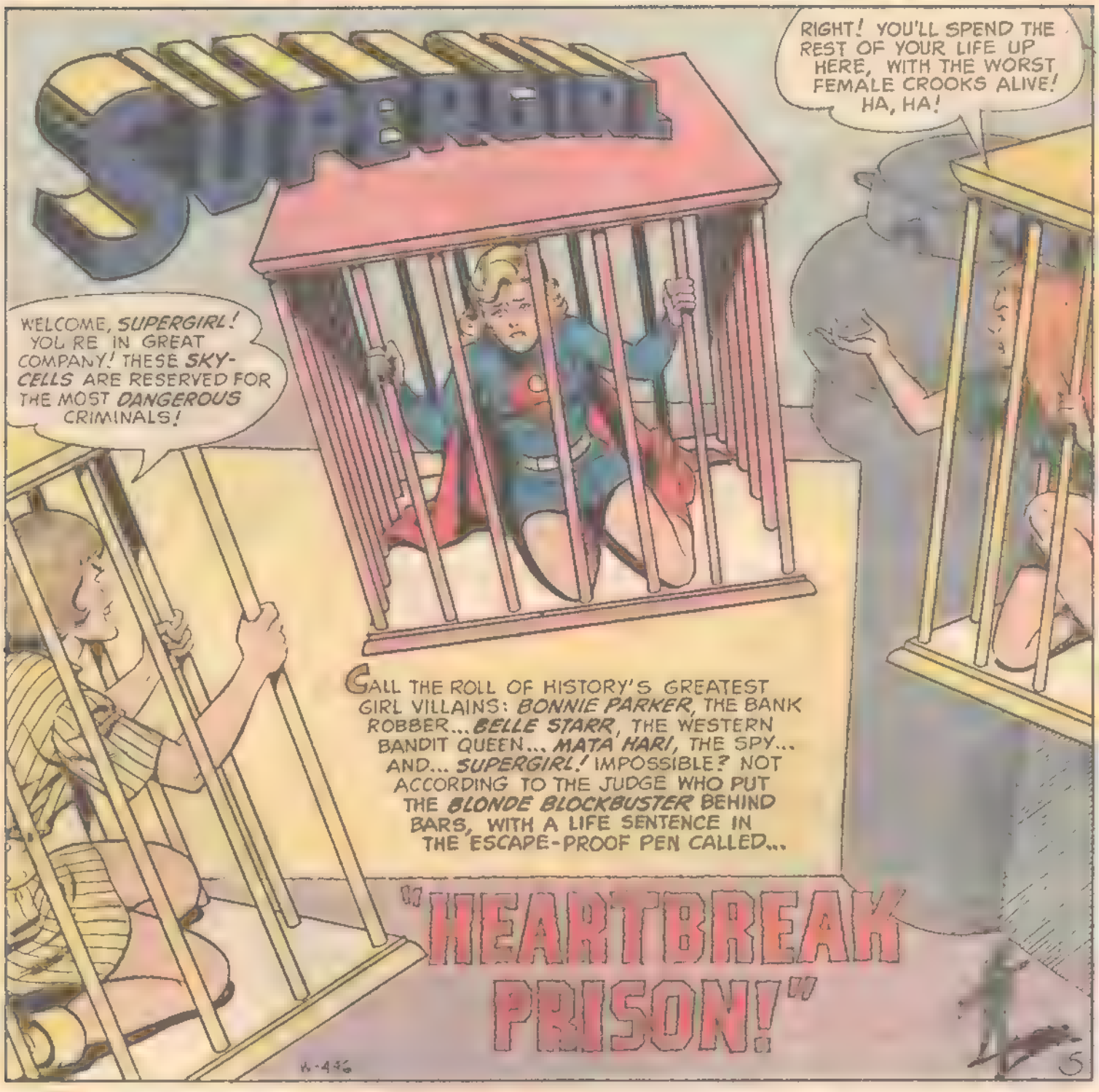
SUPERGIRL
RIGHT! YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE UP HERE, WITH THE WORST FEMALE CROOKS ALIVE! HA, HA!
WELCOME, SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE IN GREAT COMPANY! THESE SKY-CELLS ARE RESERVED FOR THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINALS!
CALL THE ROLL OF HISTORY'S GREATEST GIRL VILLAINS: BONNIE PARKER, THE BANK ROBBER... BELLE STARR, THE WESTERN BANDIT QUEEN... MATA HARI, THE SPY... AND... SUPERGIRL! IMPOSSIBLE? NOT ACCORDING TO THE JUDGE WHO PUT THE BLONDE BLOCKBUSTER BEHIND BARS, WITH A LIFE SENTENCE IN THE ESCAPE-PROOF PEN CALLED...
"HEARTBREAK PRISON!"
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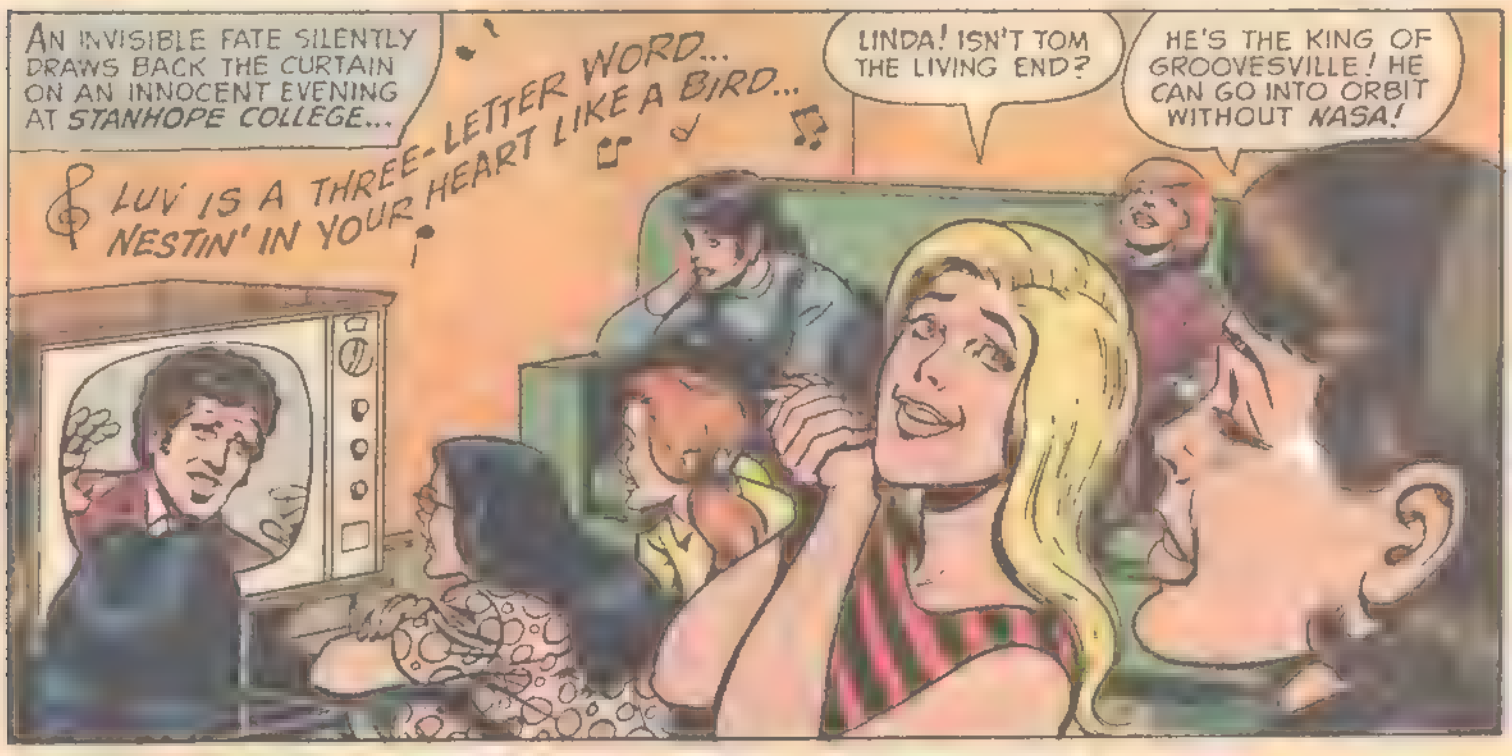
AN INVISIBLE FATE SILENTLY DRAWS BACK THE CURTAIN ON AN INNOCENT EVENING AT STANHOPE COLLEGE...
LUV' IS A THREE-LETTER WORD... NESTIN' IN YOUR HEART LIKE A BIRD...
LINDA! ISN'T TOM THE LIVING END?
HE'S THE KING OF GROOVESVILLE! HE CAN GO INTO ORBIT WITHOUT NASA!

SUDDENLY, LINDA (SUPERGIRL) DANVERS IS STARTLED BY A STRANGE SOUND...
I'M TUNED IN ON SOMETHING THAT ISN'T COMING FROM THE TV SET! LIKE THE FAINT WHISPER OF A DISTANT SEA--CARRIED BY THE SOUTH WIND!
ARISING...
I CAN "HEAR" IT INSIDE MY HEAD... AS IF THE MOST REMOTE STAR WERE "SPEAKING"!
IT'S AN S.O.S. COMING FROM SUCH A VAST SPACE--THAT ONLY PARTS OF IT REACH ME!
UR---T! ZE---H WE-P-N T-R-A-T-UN-V--SE! MU--BE ---TRO--D!
FASTER THAN A HUNDRED COMPUTERS, THE MAID OF MARVEL'S SUPER-BRAIN WHIPS THOUSANDS OF ALPHABETICAL COMBINATIONS INTO THE EMPTY SPACES, UNTIL...
URGENT! ZENITH WEAPON THREAT TO UNIVERSE! MUST BE DESTROYED!
UNOBSERVED, LINDA SLIPS AWAY FROM HER CLASSMATES, AND SWIFTLY CHANGING INTO THE PHENOMENAL SUPERGIRL, HURTLES FROM A SECRET EXIT...
I WONDER WHAT POWERFUL INTELLIGENCE IS SENDING THAT S.O.S. FROM OUTER SPACE?
FLASHING PAST THE BLAZING ORB WHICH LIGHTS EARTH, THE CAPED CO-ED HEADS TOWARD INTERSTELLAR SPACE...
THE MESSAGE IS COMING FROM ANOTHER SOLAR SYSTEM!
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LATER... IN DEEP SPACE... SINISTER SILENCE CUTS THE ASTRAL APPEAL IN MID-SENTENCE... AS AHEAD OF HER, SUPERGIRL IS STARTLED TO SEE A PLANETARY ROADBLOCK!
NO TRESPASSING!
OFF LIMITS!
EXTREME PUNISHMENT DEALT TO OFFENDERS! ...BY TYROX...
SUPREME KEEPER OF THE UNIVERSE'S ZENITH WEAPON!
AH! THE ZENITH WEAPON! THIS IS THE WORLD INDICATED IN THE MESSAGE! I MUST FIND THAT ZENITH DEVICE AND DESTROY IT!
WITHOUT HESITATION, THE BLONDE BLOCKBUSTER DEFIES THE WARNING SIGNS...
I CAN'T STOP NOW! THE S.O.S. CAME FROM SOMEWHERE ON THIS PLANET!
SUDDENLY, SHE IS ASSAILED BY DAZZLING, WHITE-HOT FLASHES...
AN ELECTRICAL BARRIER!--A HIGH-VOLTAGE "FENCE" OF FANTASTIC AMPERAGE!
CRAAAAACK
TZZZZT
AS THE GIRL OF STEEL HURTLES THROUGH THE LETHAL LIGHTNING LASHING AT HER...
THAT VOLTAGE WAS HIGH ENOUGH TO LIGHT UP THE ENTIRE U.S.A.! BUT--ALL IT D.D WAS TICKLE ME LIKE A FEATHER DUSTER!
OH-OH! A SQUADRON OF FLYING ROBOTS IN ATTACK FORMATION! AND I'M THEIR TARGET!
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SOMEONE SURE ISN'T FOND OF VISITORS!
I GUESS HE'S AFRAID THEY MIGHT STEAL THE ZENITH WEAPON!
WHOEVER SENT THE S.O.S. HAS CUT OFF THE AIR! I M ON MY OWN! I'LL HAVE TO TRICK THE ENEMY INTO REVEALING WHERE HIS SECRET WEAPON IS HIDDEN!
BLAM
AND AS SUPERGIRL FEIGNS HELPLESSNESS...
CAN'T FIGHT ANY MORE... I--I GIVE UP!
RESISTANCE... IS USELESS! WE ARE PROGRAMMED... TO BE INVINCIBLE!... WE WILL TAKE YOU... TO TYROX, OUR LEADER!
THE MAID OF MIGHT IS FLOWN TO THE VAST PALACE OF A RUTHLESS WARLORD...
HERE IS THE INTRUDER, MIGHTY TYROX!
SO! YOU DARED IGNORE OUR WARNING SIGNS!
EXTREME PUNISHMENT DEALT TO OFFENDERS! BY TYROX
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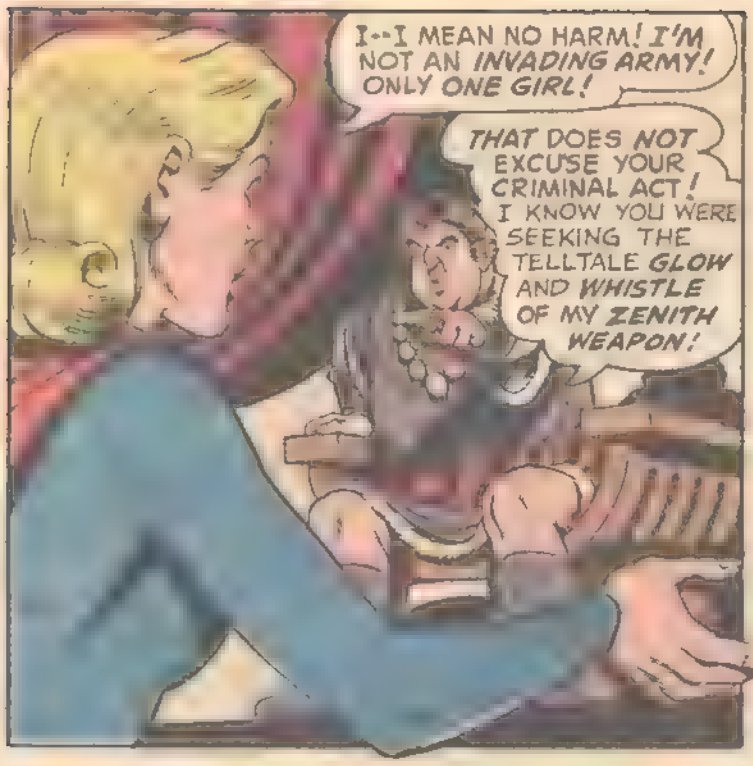
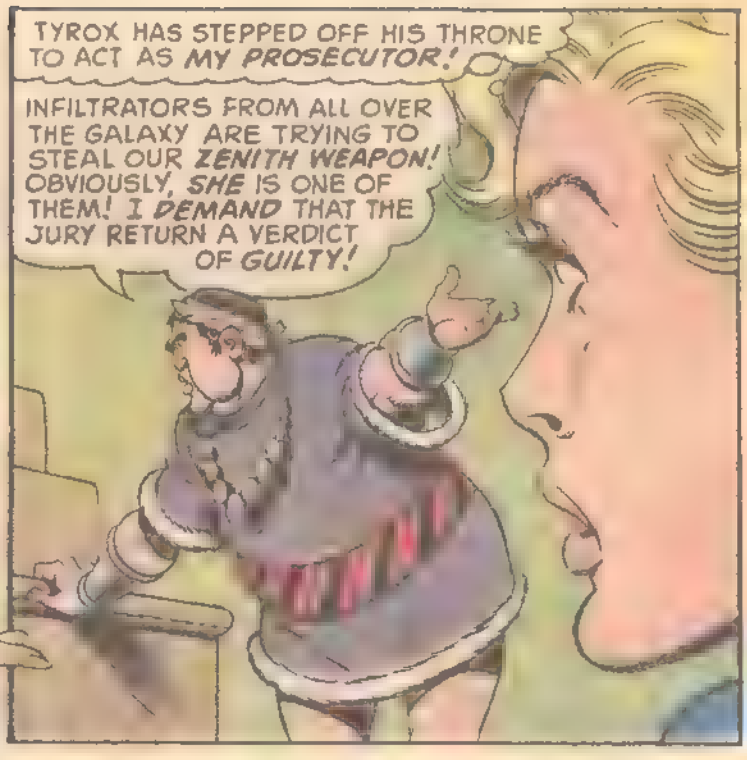
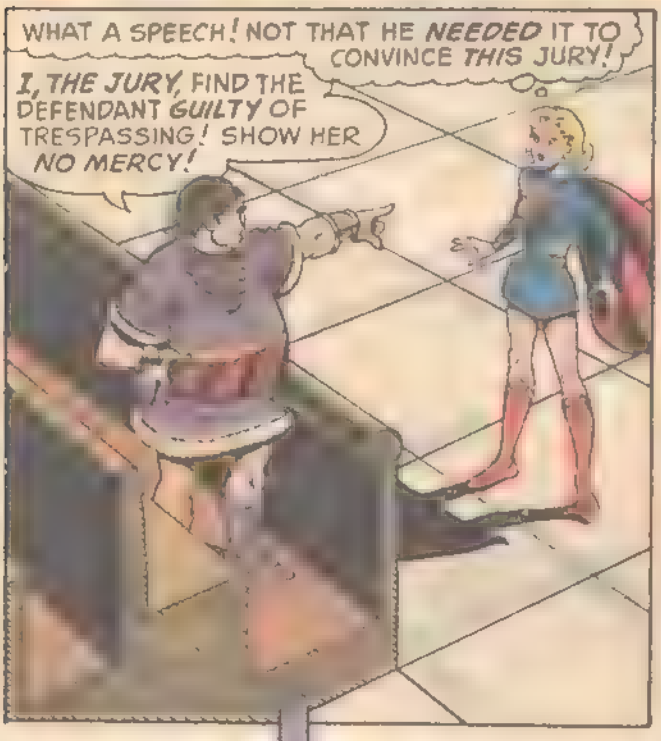
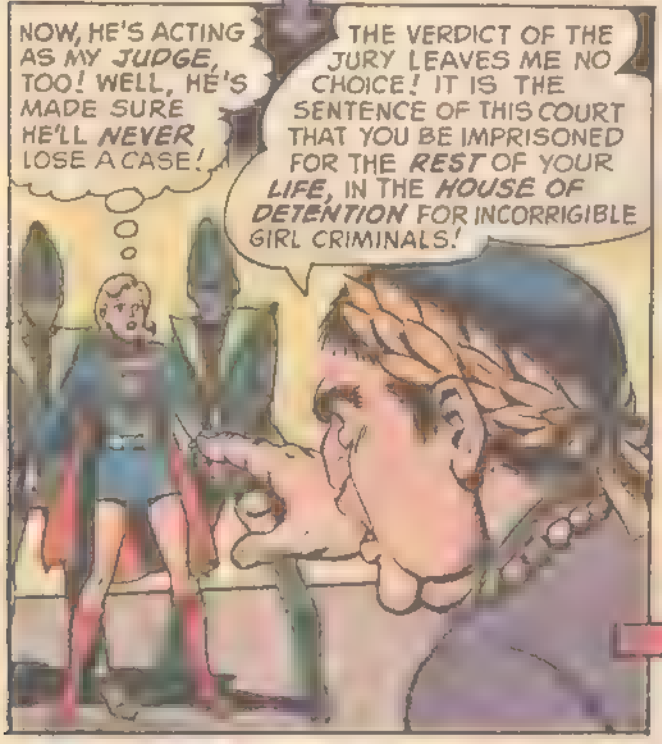
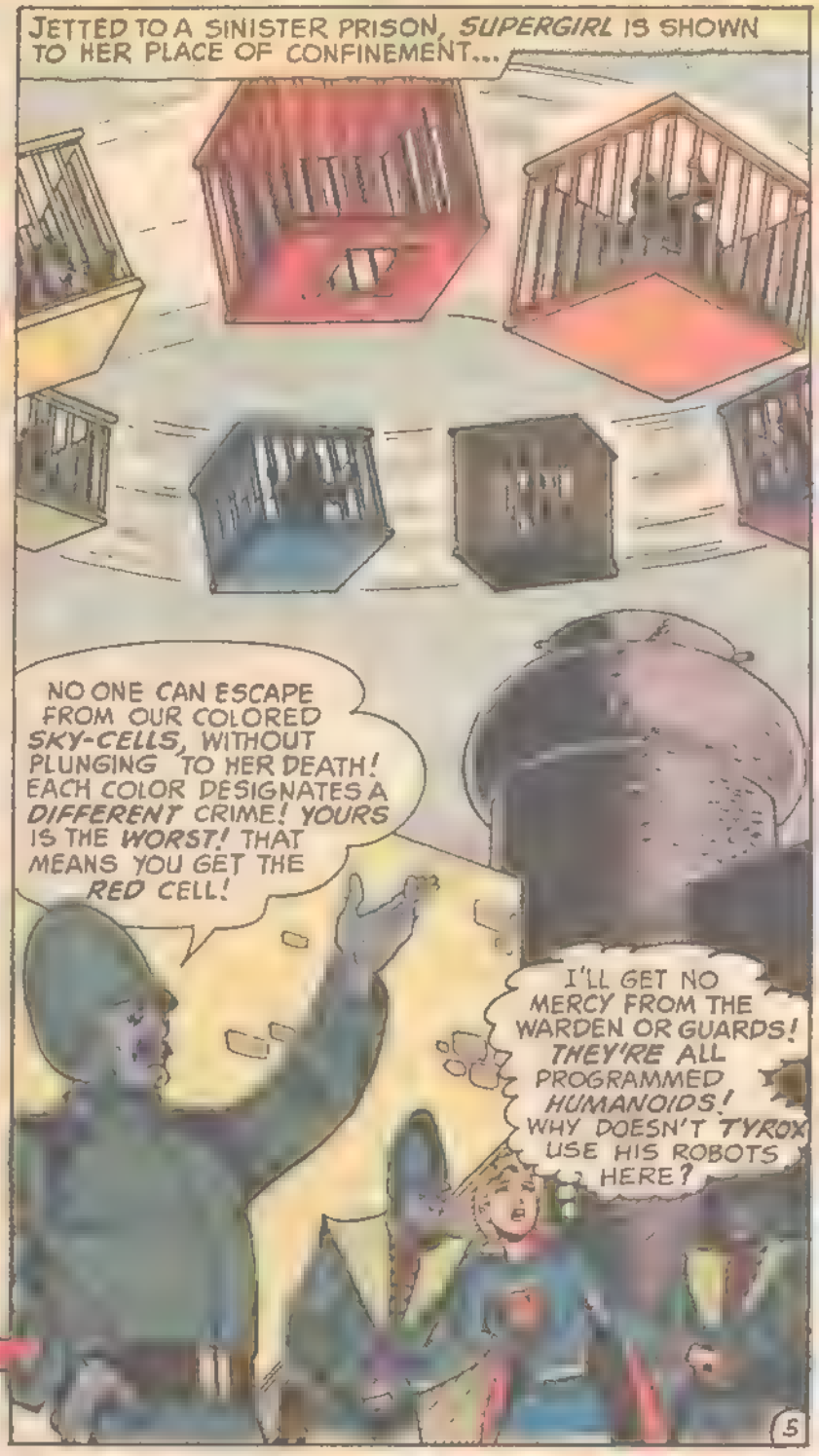

I--I MEAN NO HARM! I'M NOT AN INVADING ARMY! ONLY ONE GIRL!
THAT DOES NOT EXCUSE YOUR CRIMINAL ACT! I KNOW YOU WERE SEEKING THE TELLTALE GLOW AND WHISTLE OF MY ZENITH WEAPON!


TYROX HAS STEPPED OFF HIS THRONE TO ACT AS MY PROSECUTOR!
INFILTRATORS FROM ALL OVER THE GALAXY ARE TRYING TO STEAL OUR ZENITH WEAPON! OBVIOUSLY, SHE IS ONE OF THEM! I DEMAND THAT THE JURY RETURN A VERDICT OF GUILTY!


WHAT A SPEECH! NOT THAT HE NEEDED IT TO CONVINCE THIS JURY!
I, THE JURY, FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY OF TRESPASSING! SHOW HER NO MERCY!


NOW, HE'S ACTING AS MY JUDGE, TOO! WELL, HE'S MADE SURE HE'LL NEVER LOSE A CASE!
THE VERDICT OF THE JURY LEAVES ME NO CHOICE! IT IS THE SENTENCE OF THIS COURT THAT YOU BE IMPRISONED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, IN THE HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR INCORRIGIBLE GIRL CRIMINALS!


JETTED TO A SINISTER PRISON, SUPERGIRL IS SHOWN TO HER PLACE OF CONFINEMENT...
NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM OUR COLORED SKY-CELLS, WITHOUT PLUNGING TO HER DEATH! EACH COLOR DESIGNATES A DIFFERENT CRIME! YOURS IS THE WORST! THAT MEANS YOU GET THE RED CELL!
I'LL GET NO MERCY FROM THE WARDEN OR GUARDS! THEY'RE ALL PROGRAMMED HUMANOIDS! WHY DOESN'T TYROX USE HIS ROBOTS HERE?

SUDDENLY, AS THE BARS OF THE RED CELL SLIDE OPEN AND A LADDER OF LIGHT DROPS FROM IT...
WHROOOOOSH!
A FORCE-BEAM IS LIFTING ME TO THE CELL!
I WONDERED HOW PRISONERS COULD REACH THEM WITHOUT WINGS!
WITH THE HARSH VOLUME OF A LOUDSPEAKER, THE WARDEN SPEAKS..
WHRRRRRR
THE PENALTY FOR ANY PRISONER ATTEMPTING TO USE SUPER-POWERS... FOR ANY REASON... WILL BE THE EXECUTION OF ALL THE OTHER PRISONERS!
WHAT A DIABOLICAL SCHEME! USING MY FELLOW-PRISONERS AS HOSTAGES... SO I DARE NOT USE MY SUPER-ABILITIES!
FROM THE CIRCLING YELLOW CELL COMES RAUCOUS LAUGHTER...
YOU DON'T LOOK TOUGH ENOUGH TO RATE THE RED CELL! HA-HA-HA! NOT AFTER THE INSULT I DEALT TYROX ON MY PLANET...
"IN BROAD DAYLIGHT, I DEFACED HIS STATUE..."
I NEVER DID LIKE THAT TYRANT'S LOOKS! HA-HA-HA!
ARREST HER!
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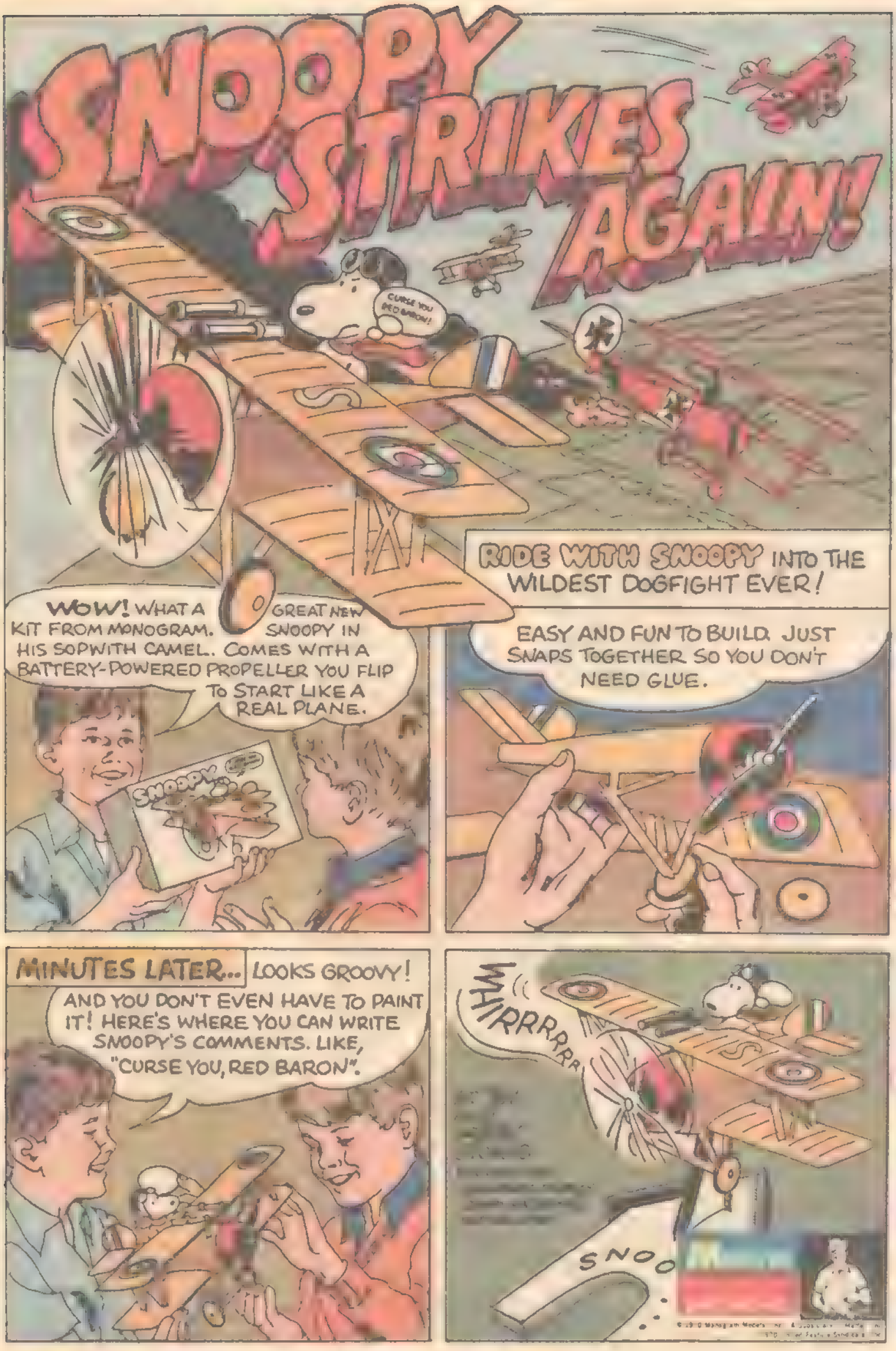
FROM THE BLUE CELL COMES A DISDAINFUL REPLY...
YO-LA'S WAS A CHILDISH PRANK COMPARED TO THE SCENE I STAGED...
"TYROX'S ROBOTS WERE MAKING THEIR ANNUAL COLLECTION OF TRIBUTE FROM MY PLANET..."
I'M ALL FOR SHARING THE WEALTH! ESPECIALLY WHEN IT BELONGS TO TYROX! ALL IT TAKES IS NERVE--AND AN L-BEAM PISTOL! HA-HA-HA!
"BUT TYROX WAS TRICKY, AND AS I OPENED ONE OF THE METAL BOXES FILLED WITH GOLD..."
TZZZING
BOOBY-TRAPPED--ELECTRIC SHOCK--AHNNNN...
THIS BRINGS A JEERING RESPONSE FROM THE GREEN CELL'S INMATE...
THAT'S WHY TYY-RA'S ONLY IN A BLUE CELL! ALL SHE DID WAS GUN DOWN A COUPLE OF ROBOTS FOR GOLD! BUT ON MY PLANET...
"I WATCHED A SPACE-PROBE TAKING OFF... AND..."
KRAAAAAMM!
PHUT!
PHUT!
FIRE NERVE-GAS PELLETS AT THAT SABOTEUR!
I'LL MAKE THE AUTHORITIES REGRET FIRING ME FOR INEFFICIENCY! I'VE SHORT-CIRCUITED THE SELF-DESTRUCT CONTROL OF THAT ROCKET..., MAKING IT BLOW UP! HA-HA-HA!

SUDDENLY, THE RECITAL OF CRIME BY THE PRISONERS IS INTERRUPTED AS THE BARS OF THEIR CELLS OPEN, AND...
THERE'S TYROX-- BELOW! WE'RE BEING FORCE-BEAMED DOWN TO HIM! I WONDER WHY?
PHOOO


SNOOPY STRIKES AGAIN!
CURSE YOU RED BARON!
RIDE WITH SNOOPY INTO THE WILDEST DOGFIGHT EVER!
WOW! WHAT A GREAT NEW SNOOPY IN KIT FROM MONOGRAM. HIS SOPWITH CAMEL. COMES WITH A BATTERY-POWERED PROPELLER YOU FLIP TO START LIKE A REAL PLANE.
SNOOPY
EASY AND FUN TO BUILD. JUST SNAPS TOGETHER SO YOU DON'T NEED GLUE.
MINUTES LATER... LOOKS GROOVY!
AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO PAINT IT! HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN WRITE SNOOPY'S COMMENTS. LIKE, "CURSE YOU, RED BARON".
WHIRRRRRR
SNOO

THAT PRISONER REFUSES TO "EXERCISE"! PUNISH HER!
AT ONCE, MIGHTY TYROX!
THUDD
OHHH-!
MY GLASSES!--I CAN'T SEE WITHOUT THEM! WHERE ARE THEY?
ALL INFRACTIONS OF MY RULES WILL BE PUNISHED IN SIMILAR WAYS!
KRUNCH
TINKLE!
AS THE HEART OF THE GIRL OF STEEL MELTS FOR THE STRICKEN PRISONER...
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA
I'LL HELP YOU UP!
THIS PRISON ISN'T REHABILITATING THE PRISONERS! IT'S BRUTALIZING THEM!
AFTER BEING MARCHED INTO THE MESS HALL...
WE WANT FOOD! FOOD-FOOD-FOOD!
CERTAINLY! HERE'S ENOUGH FOR THREE! YOU DECIDE WHO DINES WHILE THE OTHERS FAST! HA-HA-HA!
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

AS THE PRISONERS WILDLY BRAWL FOR THE THREE TRAYS...
TYROX IS APPEALING TO THE PRISONERS' BASEST INSTINCTS! HE'S TURNING THEM INTO RAVENOUS ANIMALS!
SUCH MANNERS! HA-HA-HA! RETURN THEM TO THEIR CELLS... WITH NO FOOD!
MY WATCH!--IT'S SMASHED! NOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO TELL TIME!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS--YOU'RE IN HERE FOR LIFE! HA-HA-HA!
KRUNCH
AS THE FAMISHED FELONS ARE RETURNED TO THEIR CIRCLING CELLS...
KI-WI--
A BIRD'S FLYING IN HERE!
POOR THING! YOU'RE TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING! YOU'VE BECOME EXHAUSTED--LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO REST! STAY HERE! IT WON'T BE SO LONELY FOR ME THEN!
CHEE-EEEP..
AT DAWN...
CHEE-EEP--
THE BIRD JUST LAID TWO EGGS! AND ONE OF THEM IS ALREADY HATCHING! HOW STRANGE!
EEEP--
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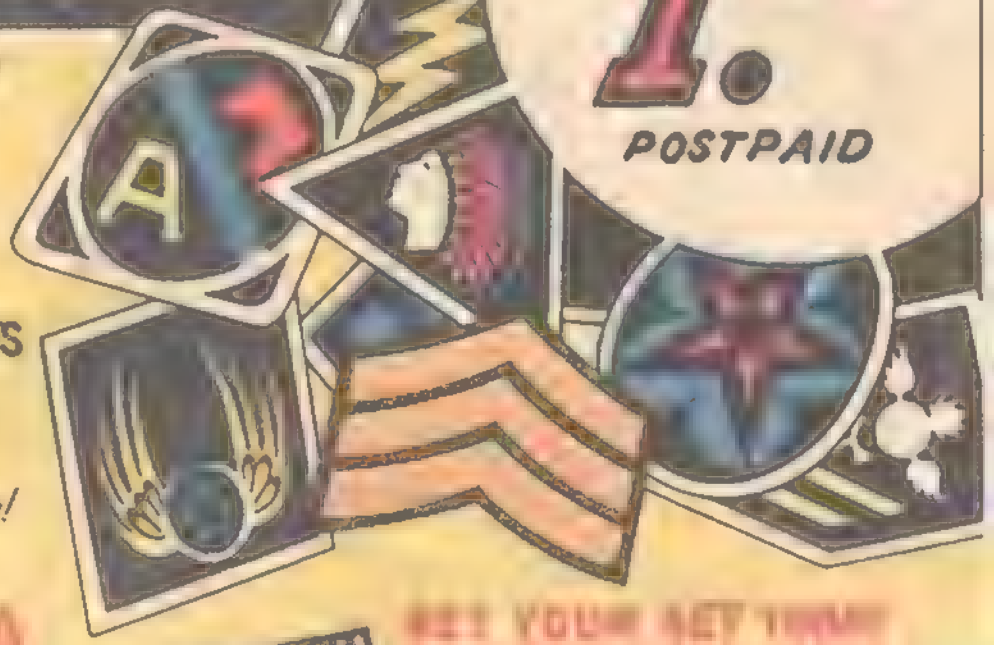

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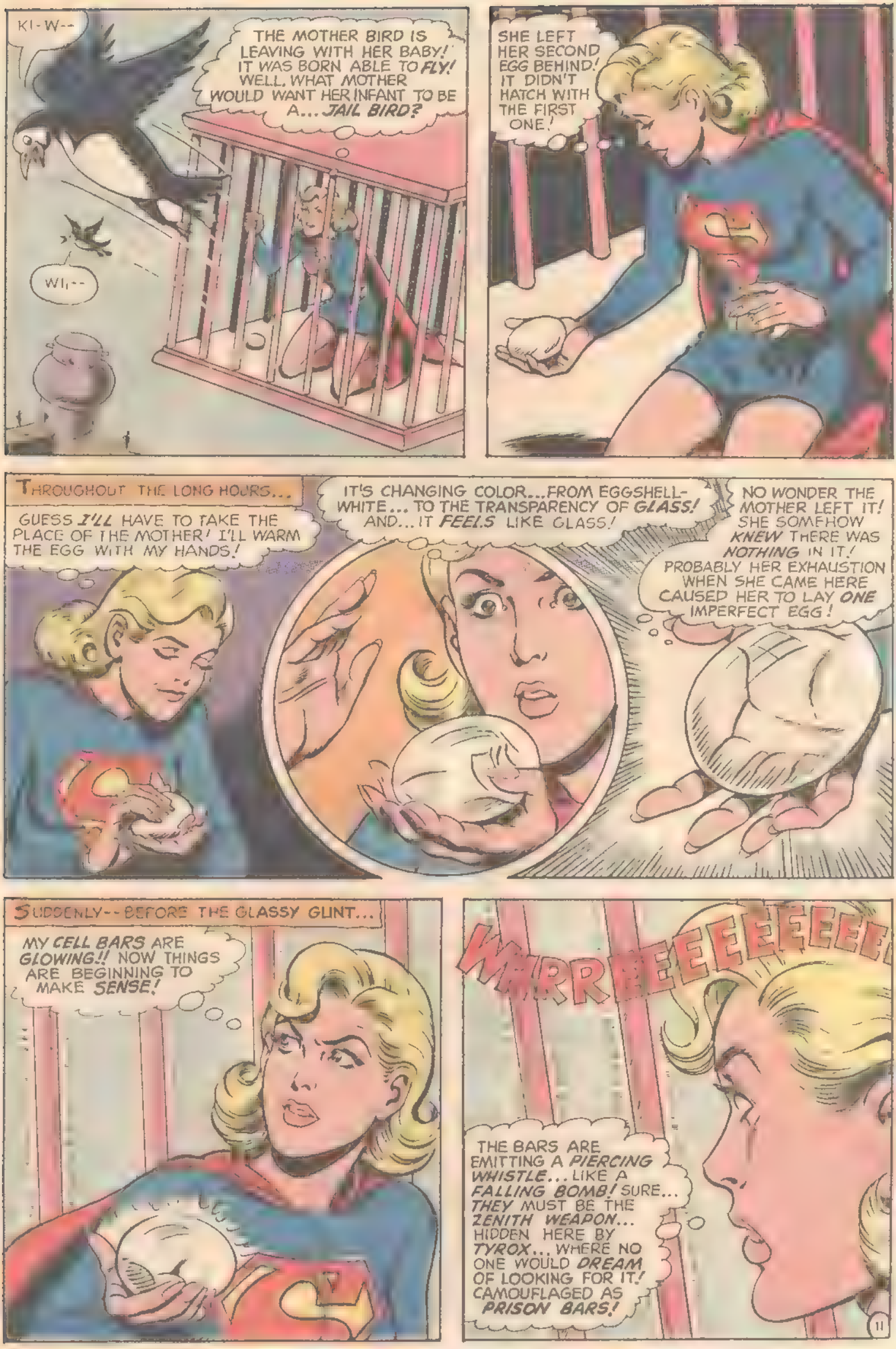
KI-W--
THE MOTHER BIRD IS LEAVING WITH HER BABY! IT WAS BORN ABLE TO FLY! WELL, WHAT MOTHER WOULD WANT HER INFANT TO BE A... JAIL BIRD?
WII--
SHE LEFT HER SECOND EGG BEHIND! IT DIDN'T HATCH WITH THE FIRST ONE!
THROUGHOUT THE LONG HOURS...
GUESS I'LL HAVE TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE MOTHER! I'LL WARM THE EGG WITH MY HANDS!
IT'S CHANGING COLOR... FROM EGGSHELL-WHITE... TO THE TRANSPARENCY OF GLASS! AND... IT FEELS LIKE GLASS!
NO WONDER THE MOTHER LEFT IT! SHE SOMEHOW KNEW THERE WAS NOTHING IN IT! PROBABLY HER EXHAUSTION WHEN SHE CAME HERE CAUSED HER TO LAY ONE IMPERFECT EGG!
SUDDENLY--BEFORE THE GLASSY GLINT...
MY CELL BARS ARE GLOWING!! NOW THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE!
WARRRRRRRRRRRR
THE BARS ARE EMITTING A PIERCING WHISTLE... LIKE A FALLING BOMB! SURE... THEY MUST BE THE ZENITH WEAPON... HIDDEN HERE BY TYROX... WHERE NO ONE WOULD DREAM OF LOOKING FOR IT! CAMOUFLAGED AS PRISON BARS!
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THREEEEEEEEEEEEE
TYROX!-- I'VE UNCOVERED YOUR ZENITH WEAPON! RELEASE US ALL, OR I'LL PRIME THE BARS TO THEIR Z-POWER-- UNTIL THEY BLOW UP YOUR PLANET! WE'VE NOTHING TO LOSE! WE'RE LIFERS!
DO AS SHE SAYS! MY ARGUS-SCANNERS HAVE TRACED HER! SHE'S SUPERGIRL OF EARTH! SHE CAN CARRY OUT HER THREAT!
I KNOW I'M IN YOUR POWER NOW, SUPERGIRL! HERE'S THE KEY THAT OPENS THE CELLS OF ALL THE REGULAR PRISONERS!
SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO ME--I--I'M TOO WEAK EVEN TO HOLD THE GLASS EGG!
NATURALLY! I KNOW YOU'RE VULNERABLE TO KRYPTONITE! AND UNDER ITS PAINT--THAT'S WHAT THE KEY IS MADE OF! HA-HA-HA! I HAVE ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR YOU, TOO! LOOK AT THE SUN!
AND AS THE SUN TURNS RED...
INSTEAD OF JUST ESCAPING, THE PRISONERS ARE STAYING! THEY'RE TURNING AGAINST TYROX AND THE GUARDS... WITH SUPER-STRENGTH AND OTHER WEIRD POWERS I NEVER DREAMED THEY HAD!
SUNK
KLUNK
12

WITH THE TYRANT AND HIS COHORTS IMPRISONED...
YOU'RE NO CRIMINALS! AND YOU HAVE SUPER-POWERS!
SURE! I CAME TO THIS PLANET IN ANSWER TO A MYSTERIOUS, TELEPATHIC S.O.S., TO LOOK FOR THE ZENITH WEAPON!
YOU? SO DID I! THE "CRIMES" I CONFESSED TO WERE TRUMPED-UP CHARGES!
THE SAME WITH ME!
THEN...WE'RE ALL SUPER-HEROINES!
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WHO ARE YOU, REALLY? YOU RECOVERED TOO QUICKLY FROM THAT KRYPTONITE KEY TO BE SUPERGIRL!
BUT I AM! LOOK! TYROX KNEW I'D LOSE MY POWERS UNDER A RED SUN, SO HE USED SOME DEVICE TO TURN THIS WORLD'S SUN RED! WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT KRYPTONITE CAN'T AFFECT ME WHEN I'M POWERLESS!
LATER...AFTER THE ZENITH WEAPON IS DESTROYED... SUPERGIRL PREPARES TO RETURN TO EARTH...
THIS ROCKET-POWERED SPACE-SUIT WILL GET YOU TO THE NEAREST YELLOW SUN! ONE THING, THOUGH...IT WAS THAT EGG THAT ACTIVATED THE Z-WEAPON...?
YES...WHEN IT TURNED TO GLASS! THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED WHY THERE WERE NO ROBOTS AT THE PRISON! THEIR EYES ARE GLASS!
THAT ALSO EXPLAINS WHY THE GUARDS SMASHED THE PRISONERS' GLASS SPECTACLES AND WRIST WATCH...THEY WERE DANGEROUS IN THOSE CELLS!
KRUNCH!
KRUNCH
LATER, AS THE STANHOPE SENSATION ROCKETS EARTHWARD...
WELL DONE, SUPERGIRL!
-E-L D-N-S--ER---L!
THAT MYSTERIOUS, UNKNOWN SUPER-INTELLIGENCE IS COMMUNICATING WITH ME AGAIN! I WONDER IF I'LL EVER HEAR FROM HER, OR HIM, OR IT, AGAIN?

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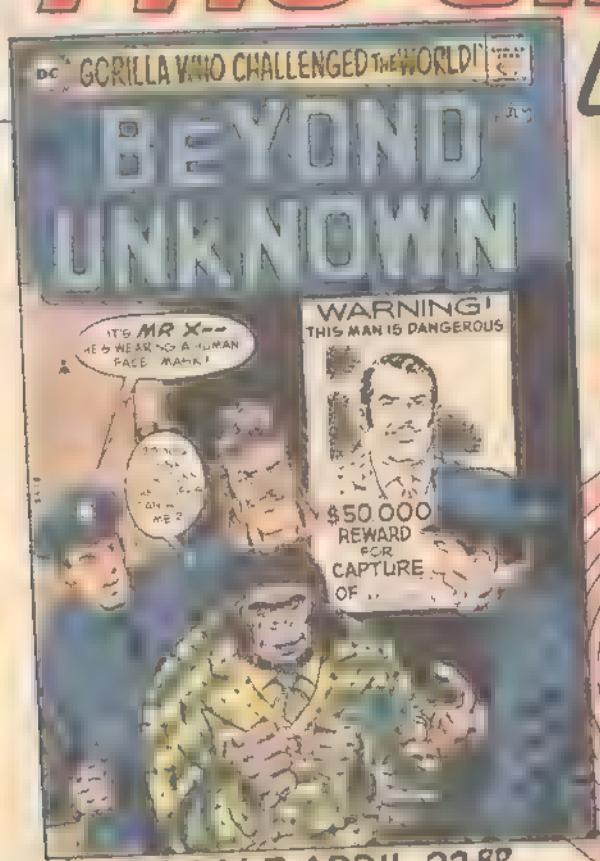
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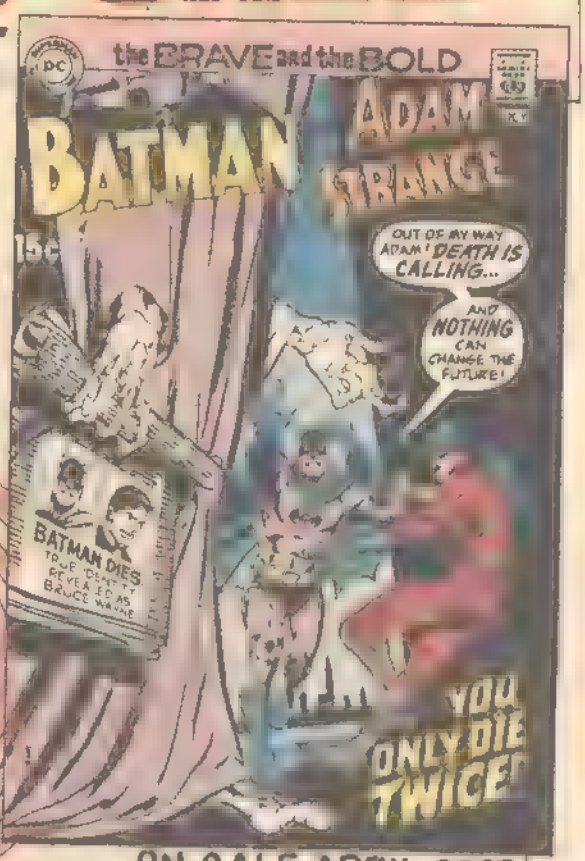
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SO YOU WANT TO BE A CARTOONIST?

By JOE KUBERT

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During my years as a professional cartoonist, I have been approached by many people (in addition to receiving hundreds of letters) who want more than anything else to become a CARTOONIST for COMIC MAGAZINES. Many of the letters included sketches or samples from these aspirants along with inquiries concerning TYPE OF PAPER to be used, PAGE SIZE, PENS, INK, etc. Of course, without this rudimentary knowledge, any attempt at creating a cartoon-drawing becomes extremely difficult and frustrating. In response, this page will describe some of the basic materials and information as applied to the comic industry in general.

PAPER & SIZE

Original art work is very rarely done "same size" as shown in printed form. The original drawing should be HALF AGAIN or TWICE the size of the reduced copy. 10" x 15" (border-size) is the dimension used by our artists.

Paper should be 2-PLY, which is similar to a LIGHT CARDBOARD. Texture of paper can be KID FINISH (rough) or PLATE FINISH (smooth).

PENCILS

Preliminary sketches are done with a #2 or #3 pencil (lead). This enables you to erase for corrections without difficulty. PENCIL DRAWINGS are merely the first step toward a completed illustration.

ERASERS

NON-SMEARING is the desired quality in an eraser. Test your eraser on a piece of scrap paper BEFORE you use it on a drawing.

PEN, BRUSHES, INK

After completing your pencil DRAWING, it is essential to GO OVER the illustration with INDIA INK. The reason is that printing processes used to produce comic books demand a CLEAN, SHARP, BLACK, LINEAR drawing. If an ink line is TOO GREY, it may not reproduce.

The types of PENS and BRUSHES vary, depending on one's own personal inclination. Pens may be FLEXIBLE (to give a thick and thin line) or STIFF.

Brushes will vary in size (#3 water-color sable brush is most generally used). After "inking", the pencil sketch is erased, leaving only the pen-brush-ink illustration.

These are the PRIMARY ESSENTIALS concerning material and information needed to begin to learn about cartooning. Of course, the FIRST prerequisites are: A STRONG DESIRE; CONSTANT PRACTICE; STUDY OF ART IN GENERAL, COMPOSITION and FIGURE-DRAWING in particular.

There are NO SHORTCUTS. Don't let your first attempts frustrate you—every professional cartoonist started in the SAME MANNER, as you are beginning right now.

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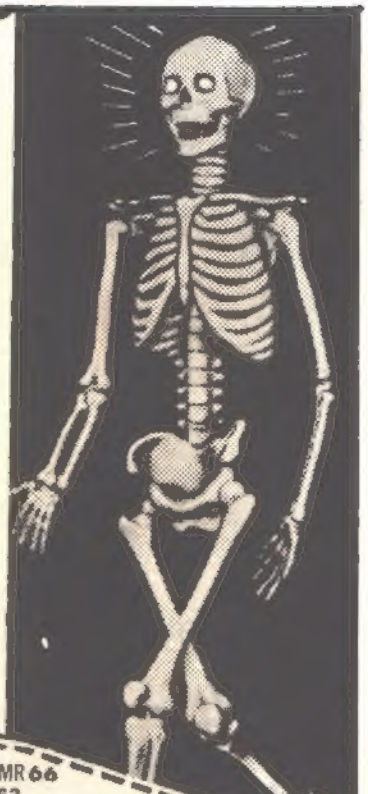

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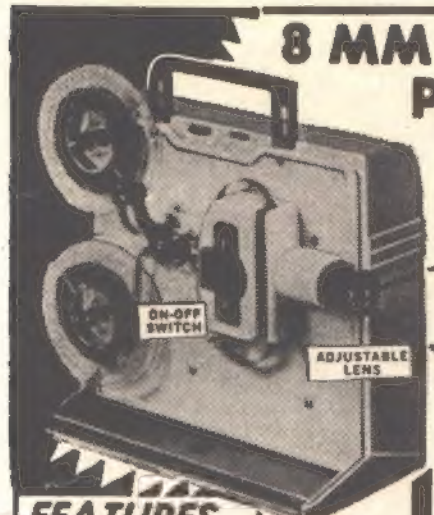

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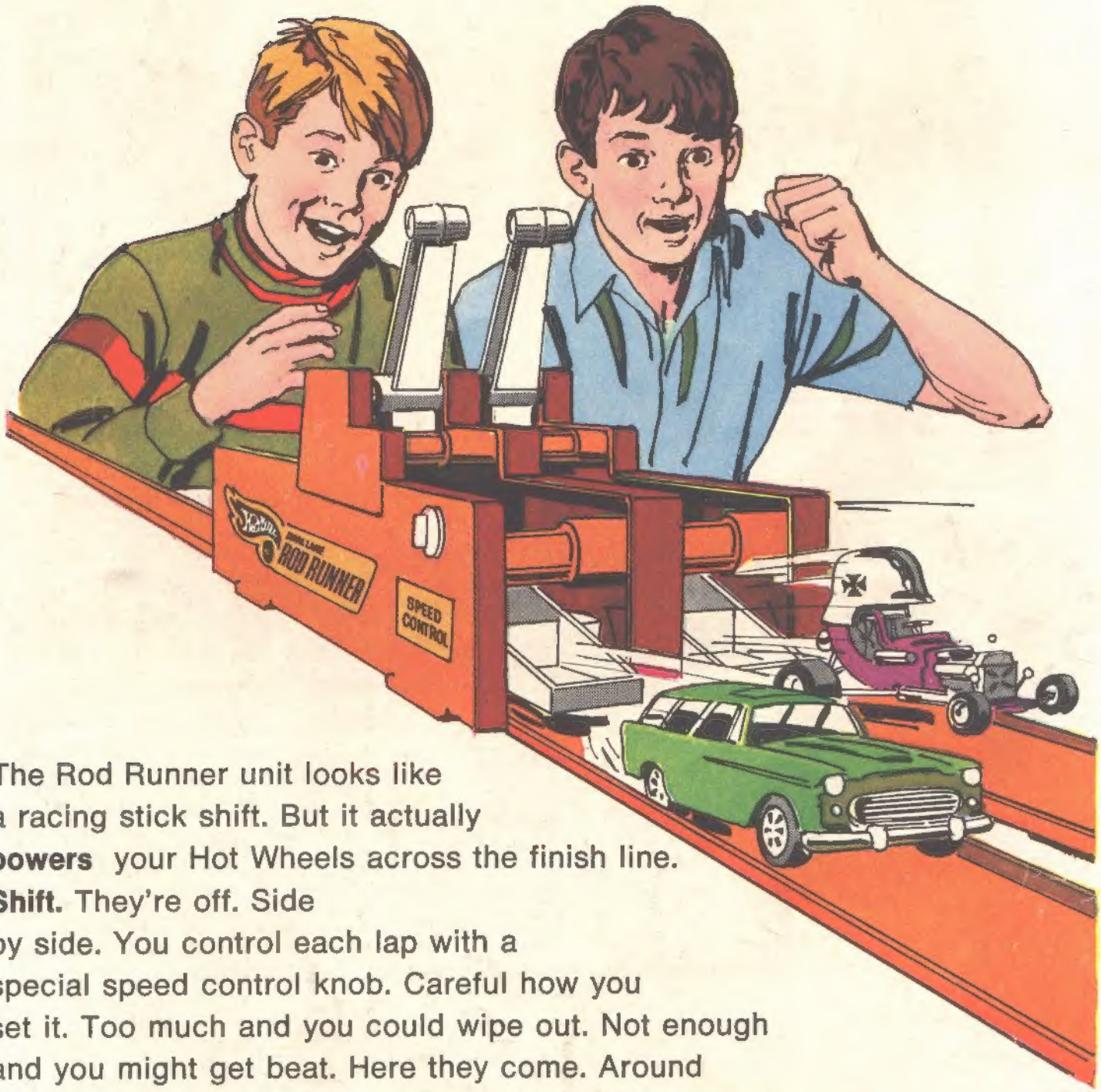

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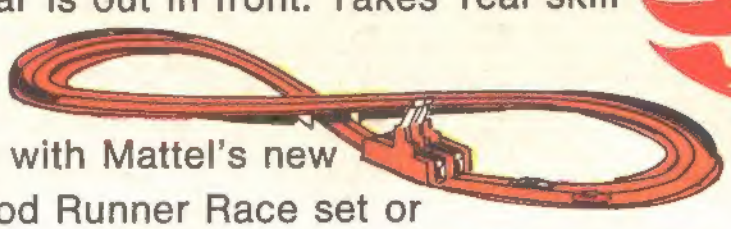

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